

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on February 22, 2022, in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Steve Carrington, Mayor	Brian Daniels
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor	Richard Best (on Zoom)
Jill Valerius	Sabrena Combs
Carolina Anzilotti	

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney	Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) **Action Memorandum 22-016:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Two New Patrol Vehicles and Equipment in the Amount of \$108,766.00 and to Purchase the Vehicle Under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230 by Attaching to the State of Alaska Contract
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a) February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	Approved
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Resolution 22-008 increase in price for the dredge.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Receiving nominations for the Golden Heart Award.
- Upcoming Act of Kindness request from the Rabbi.
- Refresher trainer in the future for Council Members.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- Election is in full swing.
- In person voting details.
- Absentee Voting Applications available for Absentee or Mail-in ballots online and in person at City Hall.

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- Working with City Works regarding Cedar Park Subdivision.
- Additional ethics training.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Nowers:

- Gave updates on gravel legislation coming up at the Borough Assembly meeting on March 15th
- Juneau takeaways:
 - Affordable housing
 - Additional work force needed in future
- AML asked for large grant money from legislation.
- UAF on farm, good potential opportunities.
- West Susitna Access input approaching February 23rd & March 23rd.
- Limiting Assembly Members to two terms for a lifetime.

Jackie Goforth:

- Reminded Council that she is a writer & researcher.
- Recited the 1964 Supreme Court Case, Sullivan vs. New York Times.
- Rescinded her apology made during the February 8 meeting.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Read the definition of liberty.
- Read quotes from Facebook posts.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 22-008:** Appropriation of Funds in the Amount not to Exceed \$213,000 to Finance the Purchase of a New Dredge for the City's Wastewater Treatment, as Required by Federal Consent Decree

Manager Moosey gave an update on City of Palmer's agreement with EPA and required dredging of lagoons. The dredge broke and is essential to comply with the Federal Consent Decree. The price has gone up \$9,605 in shipping and material increases for the dredge purchase.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-008. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Council Member Combs mentioned that this was related to a horrible smell that was reported two years ago. Deputy Melin asked how this impacts the budget. Manager Moosey explained that this is an issue that needs taken care of even though it was not originally budgeted for.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-008

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Resolution No. 22-009:** Directing the City Manager to Participate and Cooperate with Mat-Su Local Governments in the Federal Building a Better America Grant Program

Manager Moosey explained that the Federal Government are giving away 1 trillion dollars in grants. Since palmer is a small town, we have decided to group with the other cities to apply for this grant, so we have a better chance of competing with larger cities.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-009. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-009

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Resolution No. 21-010:** Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the RUS Bulletin 1780-27 to Allow for the Long-Term Financing of the Wastewater Utility Treatment Plant Facility Improvements

Manager Moosey provided clarification that this project has been approved to be completed. This resolution is to fund the project.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-010. Mr. Anderson came forward to speak.

Erik Anderson: Long term financing clarification. Manager Moosey clarified 6.9 million will be borrowed to move forward with this project. Mr. Anderson questioned why we are not requiring people in the city utilities to help down the road.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 21-010

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

4. **Resolution No. 21-005 A:** Amending the City of Palmer Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021

Manager Moosey amended the fiscal budgeting due to the fire grant was written incorrectly and threw off other budget numbers.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 21-005 A. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 21-005 A, including revised number provided by the Finance Director

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Daniels
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 5. Ordinance No. 22-001:** An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 12.30 City of Palmer Parks, Recreational and Outdoor Facilities Donation/Memorial Policy and Repealing Ordinance 17-008-S, a City of Palmer Parks, Recreation and Outdoor Facilities Donation Policy

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-001. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-001

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

Discussion ensued regarding memorial plaques, establishing a memorial park, and 12.30.010 D. of the Ordinance.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Action Memorandum 22-009:** Approving a Council Community Grant to United Way of Mat-Su

United Way Outreach Director, Michele Harmeling spoke regarding United Way grant. She noted four local artists were selected to contribute art pieces to be placed at various locations in the Matsu. Art pieces are expected to be family friendly and can be put outside. One location that has been determined is Alaska family services. It was noted that these art pieces will also be visible and accessible for all the public.

Deputy Mayor Melin addressed issues brought forth from public members. Deputy Melin asked for a clarification of what the art will entail. Ms. Harmeling explained that the art will be created with conjunction of the property owners' desires. Art examples can be provided to the Council for viewing. Combs asked about the vetting process. Michelle explained that the artists have been approved by Parks and Recreation, along with other community members. Council Member Anzilotti requested art samples from select artists.

Main Motion: To Postpone Action Memorandum No. 22-009 to 3/8/22 Meeting

Moved by:	Valerius
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Seconded by:	Best
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

J. NEW BUSINESS

- Action Memorandum No. 22-013:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection of the Matanuska Brewing Company Winery License
- Action Memorandum No. 22-014:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection of the License Renewal of Moosehead Saloon
- Action Memorandum No. 22-015:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection of the License Renewal of the Palmer Alehouse

Main Motion:	To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-013, No 22-014, and No 22-015
Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

- Subdivision agreement history on Cedar Park from Connie Yoshimura

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Connie Yoshimura:

- Commented on the Cedar Hills subdivision agreement.
- Provided her perspective on the City subdivision approval process.

Jacki Goforth:

- Recited screenshots from Facebook posts.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on standards for audience participation.

Erik Anderson:

- Provided a Cedar Hills perspective.
- Suggested a tax on plastics.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Gave positive feedback regarding the April 19, 2022, special election banner located on the City of Palmers website.
- Applauded Council on working well together and asking questions.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Combs:

- Provided AML Conference update.
- Public Works shout out for all their hard work.
- Museum "sip and shop" fundraiser.

Council Member Valerius:

- Thanked Ms. Nowers for Borough update.
- Thanked Mr. Anderson for the plastic container recycling idea.

Council Member Best:

- Stated the Legislature is in full swing in Juneau.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked Assembly Member Nowers for the report.
- Excited for upcoming Palmer events.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked Assembly Member Nowers for the update.

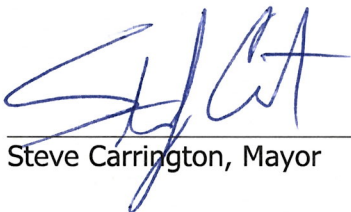
Council Member Daniels:

- Thanked United Way Representative for coming.
- Get out to Palmer "sip and shop".
- Liked the recycling idea presented by Erik Anderson.
- Thanked Assembly Member Nowers for update.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED this 8th day of March, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk