

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 8, 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)
Carolina Anzilotti	Sabrina Combs

Council Member Jill Valerius was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager	Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney (on zoom)	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 No. 22-017:** Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Penny McClain for Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission with Terms Ending December 31, 2024
  - b) **Information Memorandum No. 22-001:** Informing the Council of Some of the Emergency Repair Costs Associated with the January 2022 Winter Storm Event
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a) February 22, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Member Best requested to move Action Memorandum 22-017 to New Business as item J. 2. There were no objections.

**Main Motion: Approval of Amended Consent Agenda and Minutes**

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

**E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Presentation from City of Palmer Public Works Director Jude Bilafer regarding Future Plans for Roads and Utilities Advancement

Public Works Director Jude Bilafer provided Council with an update on upcoming road projects, timelines for the projects, and responded to Council inquiries.

## F. REPORTS

### City Manager's Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Meeting with FAA last Friday
- April 8<sup>th</sup> Safety Summit at Palmer Airport
- May 6-9 Upcoming Aviation Gathering
- Insurance Broker Services RFP
- City newspaper publication RFP
- Information Technology (IT) RFP
- State Grant for COVID related projects

Discussion was held concerning returning the Covid Vaccination specific grant back to the State.

**Main Motion: To Direct the City Manager to return the \$30,000 in Covid Grant Funds to the State**

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

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- FAA event last Friday

### City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- 18 by mail ballot applications have been received to date
- Early in person voting starts April 4<sup>th</sup> and ends April 18<sup>th</sup>

### City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- Cedar Parks Subdivision agreement

## G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on Bond investigation.
- Commented on business owner selection based on mask compliance.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented in favor of the City returning unused Covid funds to the State.
- Commented on the cost of an election and stated if the Council Members subject to recall loved Palmer they would resign.

Mike Chmielewsk:

- Gave kudos to Public Works department for sanding roads.
- Commented on the intermittent working order of the equipment in Chambers.

- Stated he would bring additional back-up equipment in case of malfunction of Council audio equipment.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-009:** Approving a Council Community Grant to United Way of Mat-Su

Council Member Combs appreciated receiving the additional samples of artwork and feels comfortable with what was presented and believes any one of those would be a great fit for Palmer

Deputy Mayor Melin requested clarification, and Council Member Combs explained that the art was samples of each artist's artwork, and not a definite selection. Ms. Allen from United Way responded to Council questions.

Council Member Best expressed appreciation for the background information, and expressed support for the project. Council Member Anzilotti concurred.

**Main Motion: To Amend Action Memorandum No. 22-009 by changing the funding amount to \$1,500**

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

**Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-009 as amended**

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

### J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. No. 22-019:** Turkey Red Liquor License Renewal

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-019**

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 22-017:** Confirming the Mayor’s Nomination of Penny McClain for Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission with Terms Ending December 31, 2024

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-017**

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

Discussion followed concerning the Commission membership requirements.

3. **Action Memorandum No. 22-018:** Selecting the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient(s) – Nominees: Barbara Hunt and Jack Snodgrass

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-018**

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

Mayor Carrington gave an overview on what the Golden Heart Award entails and a brief biography of accomplishments and contributions of each recipient. Both nominees were awarded the honor.

**K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

**L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jacki Goforth:

- Spoke in opposition to masking.

Stephanie Allen:

- Encouraged the City to look at upcoming grants for City projects.

Erik Anderson:

- Encouraged Council to come up with supplemental revenue streams for City improvements.
- Suggested the City look at different waste management and recycling options for Palmer.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Spoke favorably of the Golden Heart recipients.

**M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**N. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Best:

- Congratulated recipients of Golden Heart Award.

Council Member Daniels:

- Thanked Public Works for their hard work.
- Thanked Barbara Hunt & Jack Snodgrass for their contributions to Palmer

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Welcomed the new Planning and Zoning Commission member.
- Encouraged members to attend the Anastasia production.
- Thanked the United Way Representative for responding to Council questions.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thank United Way representative for responding to questions.
- Congratulated the recipients of Golden Heart Award.

Council Member Combs:

- Commented favorably on the Sip and Shop event
- Encouraged attending the Chamber of Commerce lunch tomorrow.
- Reminded Council of the upcoming rodeo in May.
- Thanked the United Way Representative for information about the grant request.
- Thanked Radio Free Palmer for recording meetings.

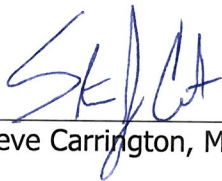
Council Member Daniels:

- Thank United Way representative for the informative overview of the grant request.
- Congratulated the recipients of Golden Heart Award.

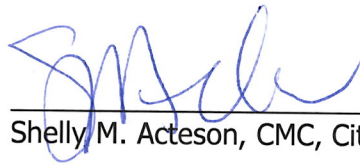
## **O. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

**APPROVED this 22nd day of March, 2022.**



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk