

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 12, 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
Carolina Anzilotti	Sabrena Combs
Jill Valerius	

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) **Information Memorandum No. 22-002**, Cedar Park Subdivision Agreement
 - b) **Information Memorandum No. 22-003**, Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Traffic Signal at Felton Street and Palmer-Wasilla Highway
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - a. March 8, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Rosalie Kelly started as the Airport Superintendent this Monday
- Matsu Borough looking at Senior exemption on their primary residence
- Brad Hanson presented information regarding community cleanup 2022:
 - May 9th-13th dumpsters stationed at MTA Events Center for disposal of yard debris.

- May 14th – Clean up starts at MTA Events Center to include Face Painting for kids, prizes and BBQ to follow.
- Fire Chief Chad Cameron
 - Overview of 2021 Fire & Rescue Annual Report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Upcoming training for Council members

Council Member Daniels commented on threats made toward business owners and inquired when the Mayor and Council would be addressing the issue.

Mayor Carrington called for a brief at ease, and Council Member Daniels departed the meeting.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- To date, the Clerk's Office had received 70 absentee by mail applications and nearly 180 voters
- April 19th, 2022, is the special City of Palmer election

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- City of Palmer and Chamber relationship overview.

Deputy Mayor Melin asked how the City of Palmer can secure its interests in the Colony celebration. Attorney Heath stated that would happen through negotiation with the Chamber along with a group of Chamber Members.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Coons:

- Spoke negatively regarding the name change recently proposed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Sherman Leifer:

- Commented on homeless individuals interacting with his employees when they leaving work.

Wes Artz:

- Commented on the limiting parking outside downtown Palmer businesses, limited access to elderly patrons, and suggested putting a cross walk for pedestrians.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on the need for rules to be followed by everyone
- Provided an audio of a campaign.

Michelle Kruger:

- Recited mask mandate conversations from Mat-Su Moms for Social Justice Facebook page

Dickey Hudgins:

- Read a continuation of mask mandate conversations.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on Attorneys report.

- Commented on purported comments made toward a Council Member.

Lorie Koppenberg:

- Stated members of Palmer Chamber of Commerce were not notified regarding the proposed name change.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Ordinance No. 22-002**, An Ordinance of the Palmer City Council Enacting the Zoning Map to Revise the Zoning Designation of Lot 100, Block 1, Felton Add Subdivision, from R-3, Medium Density Residential to R-4, High Density Residential

Director Hanson gave an overview of the rezoning ordinance.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 22-002. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: Approval of Ordinance No. 22-002

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

2. **Resolution No. 22-012**: Authorizing the City Manager to Declare Support for Senate Bill 111

City Manager Moosey gave an overview of the senate bill.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-012.

Mike Coons:

- Encouraged that the letter be provided to the Co-Chair of Education.
- Suggested that this does not get put to three other committee hearings as it will most likely get shot down.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-012

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Approved
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Resolution No. 22-013**: Authorizing the City Manager to Accept the Volunteer Fire Assistance Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Award

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-013. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Council Member Best commented favorably on the dedication of volunteer fire fighters.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-013

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

4. **Resolution No. 22-014:** Authorize the City Manager to purchase new sewer cleaner truck in the amount of \$455,431.42

Public Works Director Jude Bilafer gave an overview of the purchase of the new sewer truck.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 22-014. Seeing no one come forward and hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-014

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

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-021:** Direct the City Manager to Execute a Commercial Operating Agreement between the City of Palmer and Alaska Skydive Center, LLC

Main Motion: To combine Action Memorandum No. 22-021, 22-022 & 22-023

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 22-022:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection of the license renewal of Caboose Lounge #1194.
3. **Action Memorandum No. 22-023:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection of the license renewal of Iron Horse Liquor #1195

Approval of Action Memorandum Nos. 22-021, 22-022 and 22-023 were combined into one motion.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-021, 22-022 & 22-023

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

4. **Action Memorandum No. 22-024:** Approve the Sub-Lease of Lease Lot 28, Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport between Michael Meekins and Diane Meekins d.b.a Meekins' Air Service to Steve Odean d.b.a. Advanced Aero Technologies Group

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-024

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

5. **Action Memorandum No. 22-025:** Approving a Council Community Grant to 49th State Street Rodders Association Inc.

Council Member Anzilotti questioned the amounts listed in the legislation. Manager Moosey said the form would be updated to correctly reflect actual grant amounts. Council Member Best suggested amending the grant to \$1,000. There was no support for the suggestion. Director Hanson provided an overview on the donation, which provides facility use, not actual monetary money. Manager Moosey gave a clarification regarding the event and the interest in the public.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-025

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

6. **Action Memorandum No. 22-026:** Approving a Council Grant to Rodeo Alaska (\$4,500)

Main Motion: Main Motion to approve Action Memorandum No. 22-026

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

Amended Motion: To approve Action Memorandum No. 22-026 with half the amount coming out of the City Managers budget

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

7. **Action Memorandum No. 22-027:** Authorize Utilization of Funds Awarded from the State of Alaska Homeland Security Grant and Approved by the City of Palmer Council in Resolution No. 21-036 for the Purchase and Installation of a Millennium Electronic Door Lock System in Palmer Fire & Rescue Structures

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-027

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

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Clean Up Day flyer from Director Hanson, Fire Department pamphlet & 2021 annual report info from Chief Chad, material from Michelle Kruger, and document from Jackie Goforth.

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Coons:

- Commented on the council members that are also businesses owners.
- Commented on Mr. Daniels conduct during the meeting.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented on Council members being business owners.
- Commented negatively regarding Dominion voting machines.

Frank Koslosky:

- Thanked the Council for their time and effort put in and thanked the council for the in-kind grant approval for the rodeo event.

Dickey Hudgins:

- Requested the City get rid of Dominion machines for the election.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on the Palmer council and its potential in the future and expressed the importance of truth.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Conveyed the importance of Palmer’s history

Erik Anderson:

- Commented on Council Member Best’s tardiness.
- Remarked on the professionalism and control of the Council.

Michelle Kruger:

- Commented on the attendance record of Council Member Valerius and Council Member Best.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Combs:

- Stated her absence for the April 26 council meeting.
- Commented regarding Colony Days name change and asked for grace.

- Made a statement regarding negative comments made by members of the public during the meeting.

Council Member Valerius:

- Agreed with the chamber comments made by Council Member Combs.
- Thanked Fire Chief Cameron and the firefighters.
- Apologized for comments made and hopes everyone can do better in the future as a whole.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked everyone for showing up to the meeting.
- Thanked Palmer citizens for their comments.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked Fire Chief Cameron for his report.
- Commented regarding the public testimony regarding crosswalks.

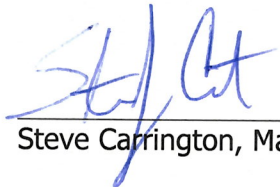
Deputy Mayor Anzilotti:

- Thanked Fire Chief Cameron for his presentation.
- Commented regarding Council Member Daniels comments made earlier in the meeting concerning threats to businesses, and that the truth will speak for itself.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED this 10th day of May, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk