

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 10, 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
Richard Best
Carolina Anzilotti

Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager
Sarah Heath, City Attorney
Rosalie Kelly, Airport Superintendent

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk
Brad Hanson, Community Development
Director

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a) **Action Memorandum No. 22-030:** Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a 1-year Contract, with the Option to Renew up to Three Additional Years, with Combs Insurance Agency for Insurance Brokerage Services, not to Exceed \$30,000 for the First Year
- b) **Action Memorandum No. 22-031:** Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Beau Honeycutt for Appointment to the Airport Advisory Commission with Term ending December 31, 2024

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a) April 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b) April 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes as presented

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Formal introduction of Airport Superintendent Rosalie Kelly.
- Kudos to Brad Hanson for all his help with the Aviation Gathering Event.
- 25,000 People attended the Aviation Gathering on Saturday.
- Friday Fling starts this Friday.
- The Rodeo is coming back to Palmer due to high demand.
- Combs Insurance was awarded the insurance bid for the City.
- No bids were received for a newspaper bid put out to the community.
- Palmer clean up days will be taking place this weekend.

Council Member Best asked when the crosswalks will be painted to assist with pedestrian crossing. Manager Moosey said that he will consult with the Public Works Director.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Impressed by full parking lot and attendance on Saturday at the Aviation Gathering
- Spoke on Radio Free Palmer with host Mike Chmielewski
- Expanded on what he meant when he said a qualification for a council member was to be "brave"
- Upcoming Open Meetings Act refresher during a council meeting
- Next Tuesday will be council member interviews for the three vacant seats.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson did not provide a formal report.

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- Appointment opinion and potential interview process given to council members to be discussed later in the meeting.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Wesley Artz:

- Thanked council for signs being placed for parking issues.
- Thanked Palmer Police Department for helping with ongoing transient people issues.
- Thanked City of Palmer Public Works for maintaining Palmer's cleanliness.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented about council members having targets on their back and the importance of transparency.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on the Mayor being featured on "Inside the City" on Palmer Free Radio.
- Noted a recent trip to Juneau and reiterated the importance of transparency.

Erik Anderson:

- Discussed City of Palmer Ordinance No. 21-018 concerning the council member appointment process.

Mayor Carrington noted that a memo clarifying the Council appointment process, provided by Attorney Heath, was available for public review.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution No. 22-017: Supporting Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Mat-Su Tennis Association for the Rehabilitation of the Bill Hermann Tennis Courts and to spend \$25,000 and Appropriate and Authorize an Additional \$15,000 for Fencing, Signage Improvements, and Handicap Access

Brad Hanson, Community Development Director, provided an overview of the legislation.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Erik Anderson:

- Provided his opinion regarding how City funds should be spent.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Questioned if other contributors are supporting the tennis court improvement project.

Council member Anzilotti:

- Requested clarification concerning the process in the event that the funds for the project are not all spent.
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Brad Hanson responded to Council inquiries.

Council Member Best applauded the successfulness of this project.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-020

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

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Memo from Sara Heath, City Attorney

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Emphasized her concern regarding by-mail ballot voting in Anchorage.

Erik Anderson:

- Disagreed with the memorandum regarding Council appointments written by the City Attorney.

M. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Review Council Vacancies Appointment Process

Main Motion: To Enter Into Committee of the Whole

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

No notes are required during this portion of the meeting.

Main Motion: To Approve the Council seat vacancy process as described in the memo from the City Attorney, dated May 9, 2022

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

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Welcomed new employee Rosalie Kelly to the City of Palmer.
- Reminded Council about the Alaska Vintage Market this weekend at the fairgrounds.
- Thanked Police & Public Works for transient control.
- Would like to meet with Police Chief & Manager re: transient issues.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Welcomed Rosalie Kelly.
- Thanked Attorney Health for well thought out procedures for appointment.
- Thanked Wes from the Palmer City Bar for bringing forward his concerns.
- Acknowledged the Palmer Police Department for their contribution to the safety of the City.
- Asked Manager Moosey to provide a staff report of city assets at Palmer Museum.


Council Member Best:

- Concurred with Deputy Mayor Melin's request for a staff report of city-owned items at Palmer Museum.
- Mentioned the drive your tractor to work event and how special it was for our community.

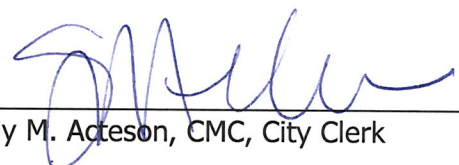
P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED this 24th day of May, 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Adeson, CMC, City Clerk