

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 24, 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
- Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor
- Carolina Anzilotti
- Richard Best

Staff in attendance were the following:

- John Moosey, City Manager
- Sarah Heath, City Attorney
- Brad Hanson, Community Development Director
- Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
- Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk

The following new council members were sworn in, then joined the existing council:

- John Alcantra
- Thomas Ojala IV
- Joshua Tudor

A recess was taken at 6:06 pm for new council member photos, and the meeting resumed at 6:10 pm.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a) **Action Memorandum No. 22-032:** Authorize the City Manager to accept the estimate to upgrade the Palmer Public Library circulation desk to fulfill the pandemic modifications per the Federal FY2022 ARPA Grant application and award.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a) May 3, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes
 - b) May 10, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

Main Motion: Approval of Agenda, Consent Agenda and Minutes

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation from the Mat-Su YMCA Advisory Board

Kathleen Shoop spoke on behalf of the local Mat-Su YMCA and gave an overview of some of the extracurricular activities they offer to the public and expressed the desire for an Olympic-sized pool and lazy river in Palmer.

Deputy Mayor Melin commented on the literacy program and asked if there has been contact to the local senators for support.

The Scottish Highland Games presentation was postponed to the June 14 meeting.

F. REPORTS

City Manager's Report

City Manager John Moosey reported on the following:

- Welcomed new council members
- Rodeo will be back this year for various dates in June and August
- IT RFP will be reviewed and approved by June 14th
- -Felton Street Extension will include a traffic light
- City of Palmer Council is a voting member for the Chamber of Commerce – a voting delegate will need to be selected by the end of this meeting
- 6.9 million put into budget by the Governor for wastewater project

Brad Hanson, Community Development Director reported on the following:

- Overview on the Palmer community clean up event
- Church on the Rock cleaned up the A-Moosement Park and the Palmer Skate Park
- Palmer Family Church adopted McKechnie Park
- Tennis Courts are pending new paving within the next two weeks
- Sonotubes were replaced on the Train Depot
- Tree donation by Palmer class of 72'

Mayor's Report

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Overview of the City of Palmer's internal structure for new council members
- Special meeting proposed June 13th @ 5:15pm for joint meeting with the Board of Economic Development

Mayor Carrington proposed Deputy Mayor Melin as the delegate to cast the vote on behalf of the city in the Chamber election tomorrow. There was no objection.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following:

- No report from the Clerk.

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Sarah Heath reported on the following:

- Attorney Heath gave an overview of the Open Meetings Act (OMA).

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Cindy Hudgins:

- Congratulated the new City Council Members.
- Commented on Open Meetings Act and conduct of the council.

Jackie Goforth:

- Articulated the importance of Open Meetings Act and upholding ethics.

Kim Swanson:

- Thanked Council for serving.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on voting rights of the council and proper representation.
- Suggested that the new council members attend a bike bonding exercise.
- Encouraged the public to listen to the podcast "Noah Talks Tennis", that can be found on Radio Free Palmers website.

Erik Anderson:

- Stated he has faith in the Manager, Attorney and Council.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Carrington presented Josh Fryfogle and everyone at The People's Paper and Making the Scene with a proclamation for 15 years of service to the Mat-Su Valley, and declared May 24, 2022, to be Making the Scene, The People's Paper, & The Pass 95.5 Day.

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

1. Felton street extension project scope document.

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Wes Artz:

- Commented on voting rights of the Council pertaining to the upcoming Chamber election.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ojala:

- Thanked council for nominating and confirming him as a council member.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked the council and the audience participants.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked those who have stepped up and sworn in as new council members. Council Member Best requested support to direct the Clerk and the Attorney to bring forth legislation to the next meeting that would restrict recalled council members from running for council for two years. Council Member Anzilotti offered support.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked his family.
- Thanked audience for participation.
- Spoke in support of the tennis court upgrades.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked new council members.
- Thanked Attorney Health.
- Will be Absent June 28th meeting, may call via zoom.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

- Thanked new council members.
- Thanked Brad Hanson for upcoming project overview.
- Asked for a timeline of the new sewer project.
- Asked for consistency with the video recordings of the meeting.
- Congratulated Josh Fryfogle on his proclamation.

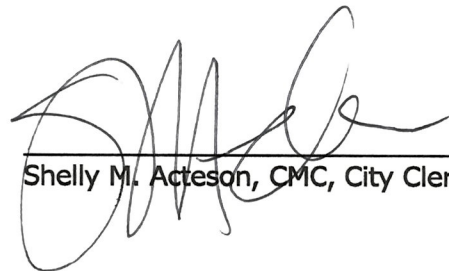
P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED this 14th day of June 2022.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk