City of Palmer, Alaska  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
August 23, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. 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  
Carolina Anzilotti  
Richard W. Best  
Joshua Tudor  
Pamela Melin, Deputy Mayor  
John Alcantra  
Thomas Ojala IV

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
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
   a. May 17, 2022, Regular Meeting
   b. August 9, 2022, Regular Meeting

Main Motion:  To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes, as presented

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Palmer Municipal Airport Presentation on Taxiway November, Airport Drainage Improvement, and Construction of Apron E, by Dave Lundin, Principal/Civil and Environmental Engineer

   Project Engineer David Lundin gave an overview on the Airport Drainage Improvement and Construction of Apron E projects.

   Council Members engaged in discussion regarding the proposed project.

F. REPORTS

Manager’s Report:
   • Chief Shelton gave an overview of staffing needs at the Palmer Police Department.
• Manager Moosey provided a brief overview of the City’s proposed Capital Projects.

Mayor’s Report:
• Noted that the Police Department strategizes overtime during the Alaska State Fair event.

City Clerk’s Report:
• No report.

City Attorney’s Report:
• Compiled a written report and was reviewing it with the Manager regarding parades and marches.
• Analyzing applicable code laws.
• In the process of reviewing the Museum contract with the City.
• Noted that the Museum has no ties to the proposed rezone request on the agenda.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eric Anderson:
• Commented on Capital Priorities.
• Commented in support of hiring new police officers.

Jackie Goforth:
• Spoke in opposition of Ordinance No. 22-005.

Mike Chmielewski:
• Invited Council to visit the Big Cabbage Radio booth at the fair.
• Mentioned that the Saroma group participated in the State Fair Parade.

Cindy Hudgins:
• Thanked the Police Chief for his presentation.
• Commented on Cares Act Money utilization.
• Spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 22-005.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Resolution No. 22-022: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Subdivision Agreement with Variances to Required Public Improvements for Subdivision Development as Outlined in Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 12.12 (Public Hearing 2 of 2)

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Eric Anderson:
• Spoke in support of Resolution No. 22-022.

Seeing no others come forward Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

Council Members engaged in discussion regarding Resolution 22-022.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-022, Public Hearing 2 of 2 (Motion to adopt was on the floor from the August 9 meeting)

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2. **Resolution No. 22-026:** Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate a State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development Division of Community and Regional Affairs Grant in the Amount of $6,900,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Phase II Project

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Eric Anderson:
- Spoke in support of Resolution No. 22-022.

Seeing no others come forward Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

**Main Motion:** To Adopt Resolution No. 22-026

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I. **ACTION MEMORANDA**

1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-048:** Authorize the City Manager to Purchase one Schwarze Model A7 Tornado SE Street Sweeper in the amount of $334,558.00 and to purchase the Street Sweeper under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230 by attaching to the Sourcewell Contract#093021-SWZ awarded to Schwarze Industries

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

**Main Motion:** To Approve AM No. 22-048

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J. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 22-005:** Rezone Tax Parcel C-21, T18N, R2E, S33, from C-L, Limited Commercial to C-G, General Commercial (Postponed from August 8, 2022, Council Meeting)

Council Members engaged in discussion regarding Ordinance No. 22-005.

City Attorney Health gave information regarding the zoning variance.

**Main Motion:** To Adopt Ordinance No. 22-005 (Motion to adopt was on the floor from the August 9 meeting)

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K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

- Capital Project document from Manager Moosey
- Building height document from Community Development
- Pictures from Eric Anderson

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:
- Spoke negatively regarding the hanging of the pride flag at the Museum.

Cindy Hudgins:
- Spoke negatively regarding the hanging of the pride flag at the Museum.

Catherine Clauson:
- Spoke regarding the approval of Ordinance No. 22-005.

Mike Chmielewski:
- Noted the positive aspects of the heated airport tie downs.

Wes Arzt:
- Noted the importance of employee retention.

Eric Anderson:
- Commented that the Council Members need to do research on the agenda items before the meeting.
- Commented regarding Capital Projects.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Carrington:
- Commented on Police Department contribution.

Council Member Alcantra:
- Thanked everyone for showing up for the meeting.

Council Member Ojala:
- Thanked Mr. Lund for his presentation.
- Thanked Chief Shelton for his service and presentation.
- Thanked State Fair for inviting Council to the Chamber Lunch.
- Commented regarding the Capital Projects.
- Good luck to the Fosselman’s on their endeavor.

Council Member Anzilotti:
- Attended the State Fair Parade.
- Attended the Homelessness meeting.
- Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting tonight.
- Encouraged citizens to reach out to become more involved in City matters.
Council Member Tudor:
  • Thanked the community for their feedback in city matters.

Council Member Melin:
  • Noted methods of outreach to the citizens of Palmer that she does.
  • Took close consideration on the rezone.
  • Asked City Manager to do an analysis to supply one Police Officer.
  • Proposed collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce. Second by Best.
  • Proposed hand count for upcoming October election. Second by Best.

Council Member Best:
  • Commented on the street sweepers.

P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of September, 2022.

Steve Carrington, Mayor

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk