

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on September 27, 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
  - a) Introduction and set public hearing on October 11, 2022, for **Ordinance No. 22-008:**  
Adopting a New Official Zoning Districts Map Superseding the Prior Map Adopted on December 12, 2017, in Accordance with the PMC 17.16.010 Map - Replacement
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a) September 13, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

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

Action Memorandum No. 22-054 was postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.

**E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Proclamation – Proclaiming October 23-31, 2022, as Red Ribbon Week

Mayor Carrington presented the Red Ribbon Week proclamation.

**F. REPORTS**

Manager Moosey reported on the following:

- Police Chief Shelton introduced the new Dispatch Supervisor.

- Asked Council to consider an additional officer position for 2023 budget.
- Fire Chief Cameron gave an assessment of the need for a new fire engine. Manager Moosey asked to go out for a 30-day quote from the Council. The Council agreed.
- Review of the 2023 City of Palmer Budget Schedule.
- Transportation Fair table October 2, 3 pm – 7pm.
- Vagrancy forum at the Mat-Su School District Administrative Building on October 14.
- October 3 discussion with the Mat-Su Borough on stormwater.
- 2024 Winter Games update.

Mayor Carrington reported on the following:

- Early voting happening this week from 8am – 5pm.
- Polling place update for the upcoming October 4 election.
- Combine certification of election meeting and the regular meeting October 10.

City Clerk Acteson reported on the following:

- Provided an update on election numbers to date.

City Attorney Heath reported on the following:

- Overview of contractual relationship with the Museum of Palmer History of Art and City of Palmer.

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jack Lua:

- Commented in opposition regarding the proposed bike path from Evergreen down to the Airport Road.

Ann Buzby:

- Commented in opposition regarding the proposed bike path.

Megan Lua:

- Commented in opposition regarding the proposed bike path.

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented regarding the City of Palmer poll watcher application.

Wesley Artz:

- Commented regarding paraphernalia found outside of Palmer businesses.
- Thanked the Palmer Police Department for their responsiveness.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Thanked the Manager and Council for support in the Police and Fire Departments.
- Recited rules from the State of Alaska poll watcher handbook.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on voting today in the City election.
- Commented positively of the Palmer History of Museum and Art.
- Commented on the sidewalk availability in downtown Palmer.

Erik Anderson:

- Commented on the purchase of the proposed fire truck and police officer recruitment.

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Ordinance No. 22-007:** Amending the City of Palmer Municipal Code 3.12.032, Residential Real Property Exemption, To Increase the Assessed Value of a Single Parcel of Residential Real Property Owned and Occupied by the Owner of Record as the Owner's Permanent Place of Residence in the City from Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Jack Lua:

- Commented in support Ordinance No. 22-007.

Maggie Lua:

- Commented in support of Ordinance No. 22-007.

Ann Buzby:

- Commented in support of Ordinance No. 22-007.

Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

Council Members engaged in discussion regarding Ordinance 22-007.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 22-007, as amended**

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

**Primary #1: To Amend Ordinance No. 22-007 from \$125,000 to \$150,000**

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

2. **Resolution No. 22-027:** Authorizing the City Manager to include Additive Alternate 2 to the contract awarded to Ahtna Construction in the Amount of \$88,000.00 for install of head bolt heaters in Apron E, at the Warren "Bud" Woods Palmer Municipal Airport

Airport Superintendent Rosalie Kelly provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Wes Artz:

- Questioned if this was profit for the City of Palmer.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Spoke in support of the Resolution No. 22-027.

Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

Council Members engaged in discussion regarding Resolution 22-027.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-027**

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	Approved 6 Yes/1 No (Melin)
Action:	Motion Carried

- Resolution No. 22-028:** Amending the 2022 City of Palmer Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2022, by Appropriating \$161,184.00 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance as a loan to the Water Sewer Fund for Additional City Funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Phase 2 Clarifiers Project

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented in support of the Resolution No. 22-028.

Mayor Carrington closed the Public Hearing.

Council Members engaged in discussion regarding Resolution 22-028.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-028**

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

- Resolution No. 22-029:** Encouraging the State of Alaska to Support the Designation of the MATSU Valley Planning for Transportation as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Urbanized Area; And Allocate \$1 Million in State Funding for the Formation, Organization, and Operation of the MATSU Valley Planning for Transportation

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

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

Council Members engaged in discussion regarding Resolution 22-029.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 22-029**

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

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

**1. Action Memorandum No. 22-054: Authorizing Utility Connection for Quantum Laundry Lounge, Located at 2151 South Woodworth Loop, Palmer, Alaska (Postponed from the September 13, 2022 meeting)**

Manager Moosey gave a staff report.

Council engaged in discussion regarding Action Memorandum No. 22-054.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-054 (Postponed until 10/11 Regular Meeting)**

<b>Moved by:</b>	N/A
<b>Seconded by:</b>	N/A
<b>Vote:</b>	N/A
<b>Action:</b>	Postponed to the October 11 Council Meeting

**2. Action Memorandum No. 22-055: Authorize the City Manager to Initiate a Library Courtyard Improvement Concept Design and Implementation Process to Include Community Meetings, Fundraising and Project Costing.**

Community Development Director Hanson gave a staff report.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-055**

<b>Moved by:</b>	Best
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Tudor
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous
<b>Action:</b>	Motion Carried

**3. Action Memorandum No. 22-056: Authorizing Utility Connection for Mat-Su Performing Arts Center, Located at 14263 E Outer Springer Loop, Palmer, Alaska.**

Manager Moosey gave a staff report.

Council engaged in discussion regarding Action Memorandum No. 22-056.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-056**

<b>Moved by:</b>	Best
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Alcantra
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous
<b>Action:</b>	Motion Carried

**4. Action Memorandum No 22-057: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Eagle View Excavation in the Amount of not to exceed \$90.00 per hour per truck for City Snow Haul Services**

Manager Moosey gave a staff report.

Council engaged in discussion regarding the Action Memorandum No. 22-057.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 22-057**

<b>Moved by:</b>	Best
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Melin
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous
<b>Action:</b>	Motion Carried

**J. UNIFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Documents from Jackie Goforth and budget schedule from City Manager Moosey

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jack Lua:

- Asked Council to consider other paths for the new pathway.

Ann Buzby:

- Thanked the Council for listening to comments

Megan Lua:

- Asked Council to rethink the bike path route.

Jackie Goforth:

- Continuation of poll watcher comments.
- Discussion on pride displays.

Wes Artz:

- Commented regarding head bolt heaters
- Spoke regarding Council attendance at the Transportation and Planning Organization Meetings with the Mat-Su Borough.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**O. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Ojala:

- Commented on City of Palmer spending.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked the City Manager regarding transparency.
- Encouraged the City of Palmer residents to go vote.

Council Member Best:

- Agreed with fellow Council Members.
- Encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Commented regarding City spending and projects.
- Thanked the citizens of Palmer for their comments.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Encouraged the City of Palmer residents to get out and vote.
- Commented regarding the next steps of the sidewalk improvement project

Council Member Melin:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting
- Thanked the Fire Chief and Police Chief for their attendance tonight.

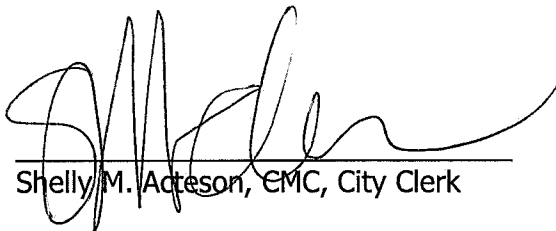
Mayor Carrington:

- No comments.

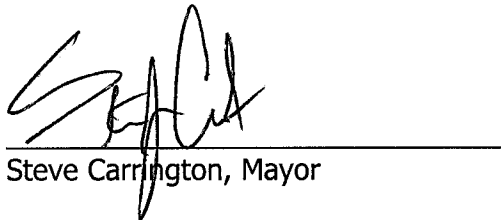
## **P. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

**Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.**



Shelly M. Acteson, EMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor