

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 13, 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:

Mayor Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor Pamela Melin, Richard W. Best, John Alcantra, Carolina Anzilotti, and Thomas Ojala, IV

Josh Tudor was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Sarah Heath, Attorney

Jude Bilafer, Public Works Director
Holly Dubose, Deputy Clerk
Dwayne Shelton, Police Chief

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as presented

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation by Michelle Overstreet, CEO and Founder, MY House
Michelle Overstreet gave an overview of the MY House program and its successes.
2. Proclamation Recognizing Ally Hrncir Earning State Championship in Diving.
Mayor Carrington presented the proclamation to Ally Hrncir.

Dwayne Shelton, Palmer Police Chief delivered the oath for two new Police officers.

Julie Esty with Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) presented the City of Palmer with a capital credits check.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report
 - Thanked Public Works staff for their hard work

- 2. Mayor’s Report
 - Postponed Resource Day due to weather
 - Mayors Challenge, December 17th for Salvation Army Bell Ring
 - Hannukah celebration at Train Depot on December 20th
- 3. City Clerk’s Report
 - No Report
- 4. City Attorney’s Report
 - Follow up on Public Safety Meeting for Council
 - Director of Museum communication to occur soon

F. G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented regarding the media not being truthful.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Encouraged Council to speak into their microphones to be heard.
- Noted the Borough App on their website in reference to snow maintenance.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 22-035:** Authorizing the City Manager to accept to funds in the amount of \$1,299,999.00 from the 2022 BJA FY 22 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program for the hiring of a Drug Endangered Children Multi-Disciplinary Team Coordinator, and to pay for the purchase of related office equipment, training, training supplies and other pertinent items contained within the terms and conditions of the grant

Manager Moosey gave an overview of Resolution 22-035

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution 22-035.

Seeing no one come forward, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution 22-035

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	5 Yes/ 1 No (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary #1: To Adopt Resolution 22-035 subject to Attorney review and findings brought to Council by January 10th meeting

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	2 Yes/ 4 No (Melin, Anzilotti, Carrington, Alcantra)
Action:	Motion Failed

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

- 1. **Action Memorandum No. 22-068:** Request for approval of policy change regarding non-work hours of Public Works Transportation operator requirements

2. **Action Memorandum No. 22-069:** Request for approval of policy change regarding non-work hours of Public Works Water & Sewer operator requirements

Main Motion: To Adopt Action Memorandum 22-068 & 22-069, approved as one motion

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Three documents from Jackie Goforth

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented regarding COVID vaccinations.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Ojala:

- Thanked Mrs. Overstreet with MY House for presenting.
- Commented positively on the Colony Christmas Parade.

Council Member Best:

- Thanked Manager Moosey and Jude Bilafer for their response during the snowstorm.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked Jude Bilafer and Manager Moosey for their efforts.
- Commented positively on the prior Director of the Museums new endeavors.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Thanked Michelle Overstreet for her presentation.
- Attended the AML Conference in Anchorage last week.
- Asked the City Manager to investigate a call-in line for the Council Meetings.

Deputy Mayor Melin:

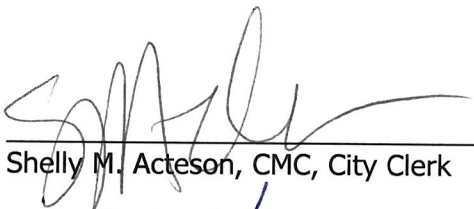
- Thank you to Jude Bilafer and John Moosey for their proactive efforts with snow removal.
- Asked for support from the Manager or City Clerk to facilitate for a quarterly collaboration with Council with the Palmer Chamber of Commerce. Council agreed to designate Deputy Mayor Melin as the City Representative. Council Member Best offered support.

- Asked for support to request the City Attorney complete an analysis of what it would take to bring the Museum and visitor Center back under the City of Palmers direction. Council Member Best offered support.
- Congratulated the new Police Officers.

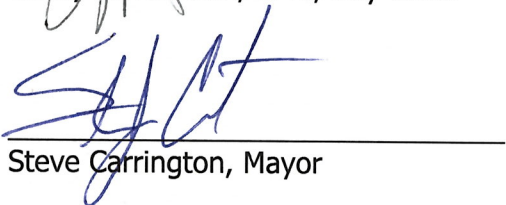
P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of January, 2023.



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor