

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Due to COVID-19 Mayor DeVries was present in the Council Chambers while the Council Members participated in the meeting by teleconference.

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Edna DeVries, Mayor

Julie Berberich (participated by teleconference)

Richard W. Best (participated by teleconference)

Steve Carrington (participated by teleconference)

Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor (participated by teleconference)

Sabrina Combs (participated by teleconference)

Jill Valerius (participated by teleconference)

City Clerk Alley took the roll call and Deputy Mayor Combs was absent.

Staff in attendance were the following:

John Moosey, City Manager

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference)

Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 20-007**: Suspending Ordinance No. 18-004 Pertaining to Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.09 Regarding the Distribution of Single-Use Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags During the State of Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-051**: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Contract with Bering Marine Corporation for the Purchase and Delivery of 175 Tons of Road Salt in the Amount of \$29,452.50
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 9, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by: S. Combs

Seconded by: Berberich

Deputy Mayor Combs joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Primary Amendment #1: To Move Ordinance No. 20-007 to New Business on Agenda

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	4 Yes/3 No (Best, Carrington, DeVries)
Action:	Motion Carried

Vote on Motion: To Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda, and Minutes, as Amended

Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager’s Report

City Manager Moosey highlighted his written report.

2. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Alley reported the following:

- City Council Nominating Petitions were available for pick-up;
- Fire Department’s invitation to the Council to attend one of their Monday training sessions;
- Updated on the referendum petition process;
- Precinct 11-070’s move to Mat-Su Borough Gym;
- Update on recruitment of the Election Worker position;
- Title 17 appeal hearing application was received from U-Haul regarding their CUP request;
- Changes in City Hall to avoid cluster gatherings and ensure timely information sharing amongst Council; and
- Update on Absentee By-Mail Ballot requests.

1. Mayor’s Report

- a. Palmer Pride Awards Nominations
- b. AML Position Statements

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report and requested Council to contact their Palmer Pride Award Nominees and provide input on AML Positions Statements.

3. City Attorney’s Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Ailis Vann, Palmer Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, provided an update on Chamber activities including Friday Fling, Midsummer Garden and Art Faire, Palmer Wine Walk, and Shop Palmer.

Mayor Devries called a recess at 8:08 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m. City Clerk Alley took roll call. Council Member Best was absent.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. **Information Memorandum No. 20-006:** Committee of the Whole for General Discussion Regarding Code of Ethics for City Council (Note: action may be taken following the Committee of the Whole)

The Council entered into Committee of the Whole at 8:18 p.m.

Council Member Best joined the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Topics addressed included:

- Code of Ethics only pertaining to City Council and removing references to staff;
- Applicability as a body or only to individuals;
- History of Title 29 Ethics Code; and
- Inclusion of social media policy.

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. and the regular meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

Main Motion: To Direct the City Attorney to Draft Code of Ethics Language Using the City of Belmont, CA

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Information Memorandum No. 20-007:** Committee of the Whole for General Discussion Regarding CARES Act Funding (Note: action may be taken following the Committee of the Whole)

Mayor DeVries requested discussion on Information Memorandum No. 20-007 be held under the Public Hearing for Resolution No. 20-017. Hearing no objection from Council, no discussion ensued.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Resolution No. 20-017:** Authorizing the Appropriation of Expenditures for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) Funds

City Manager Moosey presented the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-017. Hearing no objections from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-017

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Resolution No. 20-018:** Accepting and Appropriating the U.S. Department of Justice 2020 Cops Hiring Program Grant in the Amount of \$125,000.00 to Fund a New Patrol Officer Position for the Palmer Police Department for a Three-Year Period from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-018. Hearing no objections from the Council, Mayor Devries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-018

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 20-052:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Purchase Insurance Coverage for the Period of July 1, 2020, Through June 30, 2021, per the Premium Quote Submitted by the City's Insurance Broker, RISQ Consulting

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-052

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 20-007:** Suspending Ordinance No. 18-004 Pertaining to Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 8.09 Regarding the Distribution of Single-Use Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags During the State of Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Mayor DeVries provided the report and fielded questions regarding Fred Meyer's request for the suspension (see official meeting packet for letter).

Main Motion: Accept the Introduction of Ordinance No. 20-007 and Set to Public Hearing on July 28, 2020

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported public testimony and a letter from Fred Meyer were Items Placed on the Table.

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Chmielewski testified on the topic of Code of Ethics and transparency.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No direction was given to staff for legislation to be placed on a future agenda.

M. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor