

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 31, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:00 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	Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor (participated by teleconference)
Julie Berberich (participated by teleconference)	Sabrena Combs (participated by teleconference)
Steve Carrington (participated by teleconference)	Jill Valerius (participated by teleconference)

Council Member Best was absent and unexcused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference)
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk	

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies, procedures, and interviews conducted.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. City Council Interview Process Discussion

The Council was provided a list of interview questions (see meeting packet for the record). Council reviewed the questions and selected seven questions, consensus was met for Mayor DeVries to ask the questions of the candidates.

2. City Manager Interviews
 - a. Serena Bemis-Goodall

Mayor DeVries asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate Serena Bemis-Goodall answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

- b. John Ardaugh

Mayor DeVries asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate John Ardaugh answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

Mayor DeVries called a break at 7:22 p.m. The special meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

- c. George Zoukee

Mayor DeVries asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate George Zoukee answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

- d. John Moosey

Mayor DeVries asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate John Moosey answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

- e. Bradley Hanson

Mayor DeVries asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate Bradley Hanson answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Candidates

Main Motion: To Enter in Executive Session on Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Candidates

Moved by:	Valerius
Seconded by:	S. Combs
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

Mayor DeVries called a break at 8:43 p.m. The special meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Mayor DeVries announced the City Council was entering into Executive Session on subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person – city manager candidates.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:51 p.m. and exited at 9:59 p.m. to reconvene the special meeting.

Main Motion: To Offer the City Manager Position to John Moosey with Contract Negotiations to be Made by the Mayor

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Best)
Action:	Motion Carried

Mayor DeVries announced the Council interviewed outstanding candidates and especially an extra outstanding internal candidate. She stated the Council valued what Mr. Hanson has done and continues to do for the city of Palmer; looks forward to his continued support in his current position, the many things he will continue to bring to the table, and continued work at the city for many years to come; and thanked Mr. Hanson for applying.

Council discussed the absence of Council Member Best. Hearing no objection from the Council, the absence was to be recorded as unexcused.

H. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the interview questions and public's written testimony.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved this 14th day of April, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor