

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on February 25, 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

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

Edna DeVries, Mayor	Steve Carrington
Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor	Sabrena Combs
Julie Berberich	Jill Valerius
Richard W. Best (participated by teleconference)	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated by teleconference)
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk	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. **Action Memorandum No. 20-014:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase One New Pickup Truck in the Amount of \$42,092.00 and to Purchase the Pickup Truck Under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230 by Attaching to the State of Alaska Contract Pricing Contract Award Number CA 2200-20
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 20-015:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a New Patrol Vehicle and Equipment in the Amount of \$56,016.00 and to Purchase the Vehicle Under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230 by Attaching to the State of Alaska Contract
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. January 28, 2020, Joint Meeting
 - b. January 28, 2020, Regular Meeting
 - c. February 11, 2020, Joint Meeting
 - d. February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	S. Combs

Mayor DeVries requested a statement be added to the January 28, 2020, where the Mayor directed staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the Code's residency requirement to one year from filing in order to match the Charter. Deputy Mayor Combs requested the minutes for the February 11, 2020, Joint meeting reflect she was in attendance. By consensus of the Council, these items would be amendments to the minutes.

Vote on Main 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 Wallace highlighted his written report and provided his letter of resignation along with a proposed recruitment timeline.

Main Motion: To Accept City Manager Nathan Wallace’s Resignation and Recruitment Timeline

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

2. City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Alley spoke about Council’s Strategic planning session and propose the date of April 18, 2020. Discussion commenced on waiting to set a date until after the new city manager was on board.

3. Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.

4. City Attorney’s Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Campfield, Palmer Arts Council President, requested support for Resolution No. 20-009.

Mr. Chmielewski testified about the Smart Community meetings and intergovernmental collaboration.

Mr. David Fuller spoke about a previous incident with Council Member Best and Palmer Police Department and requested Council’s input in the ethical problem this posed.

Mrs. Hilary Palmer’s written testimony regarding a phone call into Palmer Police Department by Council Member Best was read into the record.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 20-009:** Supporting the Palmer Arts Council Grant Application for Remediation of the Powerhouse Property

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-009

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 20-016:** Approving a Council Grant in the Amount of \$5,000.00 to the Mat-Su Senior Services

Deputy Mayor L. Combs recused herself due to being a Mat-Su Senior Services Board Member.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-016

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	Best

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Action Memorandum No. 20-016 to Reduce the Grant to \$1,000.00

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

Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-016, as Amended

Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Recused (L. Combs)
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Action Memorandum No. 20-017:** Approve a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$2,500.00 to the Organizers of Who Let the Girls Out

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-017

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	L. Combs

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Action Memorandum No. 20-017 to Only Award an In-Kind Donation of the Depot Rental Fee

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Valerius

Secondary Amendment #1: To Add an Award of \$1,000.00 and an In-Kind Donation of the Depot Speaker Rental Fee

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	5 Yes/2 No (S. Combs, Valerius)
Action:	Motion Carried

Primary Amendment #1: To Amend Action Memorandum No. 20-017 to Change the Award to an In-Kind Donation of the Depot Rental Fee, Speaker Rental Fee, and \$1,000.00, as Amended

Vote:	5 Yes/2 No (S. Combs, Valerius)
Action:	Motion Carried

Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-017, as Amended

Vote:	6 Yes/1 No (Valerius)
Action:	Motion Carried

H. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the City Manager's resignation packet and Mrs. Hilary Palmer's written testimony were Items Placed on the Table.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member's Berberich, S. Combs, and Valerius requested legislation be written regarding a code of ethics for the Council.

K. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this 10th day of March, 2020.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor