

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 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**

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

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

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney
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. Resolution No. 20-006: Affirming the City's Support of and Partnership with the 2020 Census
  - b. Action Memorandum No. 20-001: Authorizing the City Manager to Sign Greene Garden Services Contract Amendment No. 2
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. December 10, 2019, Special Meeting

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda**

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

**E. COMMUNICAITONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Presentation by Alaska Farmland Trust Executive Direct Amy Pettit

Ms. Amy Pettit presented on how the Alaska Farmland Trust positively impacts the Valley and asked for the Council to consider working with the Alaska Farmland Trust to put some city land in the Trust to preserve it as farmland in perpetuity.

## F. REPORTS

### 1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace reported on online remote sales tax and evaluation of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### 2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley requested to be notified of members attending the AML Winter Conference in Juneau.

### 3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.

### 4. City Attorney's Report

None.

## G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Stephanie Nowers, Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member, provided a Borough legislative update.

Mr. Mark Stigar, MATSAR Search & Rescue, requested support for his Council Community Grant.

Ms. Denise Statz, Alaska Farmland Trust Board Member, testified on the benefits the Alaska Farmland Trust provides to the community, encouraged Council to support the preservation of agriculture land, and expressed support for MATSAR's Council Community Grant application.

Mr. Arthur Keyes testified to the Valley's agriculturally rich soil, impacts of supporting farmland, and encouraged Council to support the preservation of agriculture land.

Mr. Matt Lemons, Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center, requested support for his Council Community Grant.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 20-007:** Identifying the City of Palmer's Capital Project Priorities for State, Federal and Other Interested Parties Funding

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 20-007. Seeing no one come forward to speak and hearing no objection from the Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

### **Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 20-007**

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

## I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 20-002:** Direction the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 4758 for Turkey Red, Located at 550 S. Alaska Street Suite 100

### **Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-002**

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 20-003:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$1,650.00 to the MATSAR Search and Rescue for Equipment

### **Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-003**

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

Council Member Best stated he did not support the grant application because MATSAR did not meet the City's code in being able to apply for grant money from the City.

City Attorney Gatti stated when the code is read in its entirety, the council had the ability to accept the application's qualifications and could approve the grant at their discretion. Discussion ensued on merits of the applicability of the application to the Code.

### **Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-003**

Vote:	3 Yes/ 4 No (Best, Carrington, L. Combs, DeVries)
Action:	Motion Failed

3. **Action Memorandum No. 20-004:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$3,000.00 to the Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center

### **Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-004**

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich

Council Member Best stated he could not support the grant application because Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center is located outside of city limits and did not meet the City's code in being able to apply for grant money from the City.

City Attorney Gatti stated when the code is read in its entirety, the council had the ability to accept the application's qualifications and could approve the grant at their discretion. Discussion ensued on merits of the applicability of the application to the Code.

### **Main Motion: Call the Question**

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

**Vote on Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 20-004**

Vote:	4 Yes/3 No (Best, Carrington, DeVries)
Action:	Motion Carried

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 9:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

City Clerk Alley called a roll call of the Council. Council Member Best was absent at that time.

4. **Information Memorandum No. 20-001:** Committee of the Whole to Discuss City Owned Properties (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 9:11 p.m.

Council Member Richard W. Best joined the meeting telephonically at 9:13 p.m.

Council discussed the different city owned properties and potential retention or disposition of properties.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 9:49 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

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

City Clerk Alley reported Alaska Farmland Trust 2019 Annual Report and Campaign Flyer were Items Placed on the Table.

**K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Carrington and Council Member S. Combs requested the city manager prepare an Action Memorandum for Council to consider awarding funds to MATSAR out of the Council’s discretionary funds.

Direction, by unanimous consent, was requested for the Board of Economic Development to review the Palmer Municipal Code regarding the Council Community Grant.

Council Member Combs and Council Member Best requested the city manager look into a dog park on the Cottonwood property.

Mayor DeVries instructed the city manager to begin the process of selling the property located at 2390 S. Glenn Highway.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

**Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor