

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 22, 2019, 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
Julie Berberich	Sabrina Combs
Steve Carrington (participated telephonically)	David Fuller

Deputy Mayor Pete LaFrance was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Cindy Cartledge, City Attorney (participated telephonically)
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk	Angie Anderson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. November 27, 2018, Regular Meeting
 - b. December 11, 2018, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve Agenda and Minutes

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Fuller
Opposed:	None
Absent:	LaFrance
Action:	Motion Carried

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace reported he:

- Participating in an interview with Alaska Insights;
- Believed Palmer needed a better way of removing snow from sidewalks;
- Asked for Council's direction on the purchase of sidewalk snow removal equipment (see official packet for equipment brochure handout);
- Fielded questions regarding the snow machine accessories and cost; and
- Received direction from Council to prepare legislation to purchase the equipment and bring forward at the next Council meeting.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley announced Mrs. Kama Petty was hired as the new administrative assistant to the clerk's office and would be starting in the next couple weeks.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Stated the city manager drafted a letter to Alaska's Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) encouraging the approval of the State Fair's liquor license (see official packet for handout);
- Requested the Council consider the city to forgive any utility late fees for federal employees impacted by the government shutdown; and
- Direction was given to the city manager to discuss waiving late fees with the attorney.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Chmielewski stated he received good feedback at the livable community event, announced the audio recording from the event was available on Radio Free Palmer's website, and asked the Council to consider cleaning the area near the downtown train tracks.

Mr. Jerome Hertel, Alaska State Fair representative, thanked the Council for supporting the Alaska State Fair's approval of their liquor license.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Ordinance No. 19-002:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 17.89.060(E) and Section 17.89.080 Relating to Short Term Rentals

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-002. Seeing no one come forward to speak and hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 19-002

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Fuller
Opposed:	None
Absent:	LaFrance
Action:	Motion Carried

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 19-006:** Approving the Alternative Allocation Method for Distribution of the Fiscal Year 2019 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program in FMA 14: Cook Inlet Area

Council Member Carrington asked if the city had received money from this program before. City Manager Wallace answered similar Funds had been received in 2009.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 19-006

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	S. Combs
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Fuller
Opposed:	None
Absent:	LaFrance
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Resolution No. 19-007:** Identifying the City of Palmer’s Capital Project Priorities for State, Federal and Other Interested Parties Funding

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 19-007

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Fuller,
Opposed:	None
Absent:	LaFrance
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Action Memorandum 19-010:** Selecting the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient(s)

Council Member Linda Combs asked the city clerk if anyone had submitted reasons for the deservedness of the nominees. City Clerk Alley responded no additional credentials were provided.

Mayor DeVries cited the Palmer Municipal Code and stated all nominees would receive the award. The nominees were Howard Bess, Richard Best, Janet Kincaid, MariJo Parks.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 19-010 Awarding All Nominees the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
In favor:	Berberich, Carrington, L. Combs, S. Combs, DeVries, Fuller
Opposed:	None
Absent:	LaFrance
Action:	Motion Carried

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the Ventrac snow removal equipment brochure and Alaska Sate Fair liquor license support letter were the Items Placed on the Table.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Carrington stated he would support research to be done on the Planning and Zoning Commission’s (PZC) decision regarding short term rentals.

Council Member Berberich commented she enjoyed attending the livable community presentation and supported the sidewalk snow removal equipment purchase.

Council Member S. Combs said she supported raising funds for painting the water tower, the purchase of sidewalk snow removal equipment and the PZC reviewing allowing short term rentals CUPs in the R-1 district. She encouraged all to attend the Palmer Museum's Untold Stories Events.

Council Member Fuller stated he was grateful for the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award nominees, requested more research be done on the water tower before purchase, and supported the review of short term rentals.

Council Member L. Combs reminisced of past ways to raise funds for painting the water tower, supported the purchase of snow removal equipment, and announced she would be absent for the February 12 Council meeting and asked to be excused.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of February, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor