

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 12, 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
Julie Berberich
Steve Carrington
Linda Combs

Sabrena Combs (participated telephonically)
David Fuller
Pete LaFrance, Deputy Mayor

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Angie Anderson, 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. 19-030:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase New Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to Include Tools and Associated Equipment in the Amount of \$238,021.00 from Alaska Safety, Inc. Under the Governmental and Proprietary Procurements Section of the Palmer Municipal Code 3.21.230
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 19-031:** Accepting Board Member David Petty’s Resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. February 12, 2019, Regular Meeting

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

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

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation from Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Planner Katrina Nygaard, AICP

Ms. Katrina Nygaard and Ms. Wendy Vandyne presented an overview of the Brownfields Projects in Palmer and announced the Mat-Su Borough had won a grant to cover the cost of the research.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley gave a records destruction update to say that over 100 boxes were to be destroyed at the end of the month and thanked staff for all their help in the process, discussion ensued on the Saroma Sister City 40th anniversary trip and the Council agreed to budget for three council members to attend and reserve six delegate spots for the trip.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries announced she planned to attend the Airport Open House, Brownfields Open House, and Green Day Gallop. She stated she encouraged Senator Hughs to remember local control regarding sales tax.

4. City Attorney's Report

Mr. Gatti reported on statewide sales tax efforts and history.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Chmielewski encouraged the Council to go and enjoy the wonderful hospitality of the Japanese that he had experienced in a previous trip.

Mrs. Brooke Hepenstall, Palmer Museum of History & Art Board Member, asked for Council's support for the Palmer Garden and art Faire and thanked the Council for their previous support.

Mr. Sam Dinges, Palmer Museum of History & Art Executive Director, asked for Council's support for the Palmer Garden and Art Faire grant application.

Mr. Stuart Graham, Alaska Municipal League First Vice President, encouraged the Council to get involved in the current sales tax discussions.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Resolution No. 19-011:** Appropriating \$64,502.00 for Additional Engineering Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades and Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-011. Seeing no one come forward to speak and hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

City Manager Wallace reported there would be no rate increase implemented; rather, this resolution simply extends the contract.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 19-011

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Action Memorandum No. 19-032:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$2,000.00 to Palmer Museum of History and Art for the 2019 Midsummer Garden and Art Faire

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 19-032

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 19-033:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$2,000.00 to MatSu Running Club to Support the 2019 Who Let the Runners Out 5K & 1K Run/Walk

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 19-033

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

3. **Action Memorandum No. 19-034:** Directing the City Clerk to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 649 for Klondike Mike’s Saloon, Located at 820 S. Colony Way
4. **Action Memorandum No. 19-035:** Directing the City Clerk to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 39 for Alaska State Fair
5. **Action Memorandum No. 19-036:** Directing the City Clerk to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council’s Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License No. 5566 for Matanuska Brewing Company, Located at 513 S. Valley Way

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 19-034, Action Memorandum No. 19-035, and Action Memorandum No. 19-036

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

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

None

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Sam Dinges and Mrs. Brooke Hepenstall thanked the Council for approving the grant and encouraged everyone to attend the Garden and Art Faire.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member L. Combs stated she felt seniors could not afford additional sales tax and announced she received the Pioneer Award from the Palmer Chamber of Commerce.

Deputy Mayor LaFrance reported citizens had expressed their gratitude for a wonderful children's library program here in Palmer.

M. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor