

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 26, 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	Sabrina Combs
Julie Berberich	David Fuller
Steve Carrington	Pete LaFrance, Deputy Mayor
Linda Combs	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Michael Gatti, City Attorney
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. Approving Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 19-003**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 17.89.060(E) and Section 17.89.070(F) Relating to Short Term Rentals
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 19-037**: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Change Order #2 with North Star Excavation and Asphalt, Inc. for Execution of Additive Alternate #1, City Hall North Parking Lot Improvements in an Amount Not to Exceed \$35,400.00
 - c. **Action Memorandum No. 19-038**: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a New Lease Agreement with Alaska Tactical Aviation, LLC for a Lease on Lot 10, Block 3, Palmer Municipal Airport for the Purpose of Establishing a Commercial Business Use Aircraft Hangar
 - d. **Action Memorandum No. 19-039**: Approving the Termination of the Agreement Between Landowner Regarding Off-Site Parking Spaces for Lots 10, 11 & 12 (11-1), Block 3, Bailey Heights Subdivision
 - e. **Action Memorandum No. 19-040**: Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of George Hoden to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Board with a Term Ending October 31, 2020
2. Approving Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. February 5, 2019, Joint City Council and Board of Economic Development Meeting
 - b. February 26, 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
Absent:	None
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation of a Proclamation to the Palmer High School eSports Team for their Achievement in Competing in the 2018 Fall Overwatch National Championships Invitational

Mayor DeVries pulled this item off the agenda at the request of the eSports Team to schedule it for a future meeting.

2. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring April 2, 2019, as National Service Recognition Day

Mayor DeVries announced she did a proclamation honoring National Service Recognition Day.

3. Presentation from Mat+Sar Search & Rescue Mark Stigar

Mr. Mark Stigar highlighted his written report and gave an overview of search and rescue in Alaska.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace reported the following to the Council:

- A short-term contract was in the works for hiring extra grounds crew to clean up from winter;
- Most of the snow is gone from the Palmer golf course and the Pro Shop would open soon;
- Spring Cleanup Days were scheduled for May 6-11;
- The Brownfields study was well underway;
- The auditors were at City Hall last week and will return in April to complete their report for June;
- He would be out of the office from April 27 to May 24 missing the May 12 meeting; and
- He would be speaking on the local radio this week.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley reported she had a Sister City meeting on Friday, March 29; of upcoming events; and she would be out of the office from April 1 to April 5.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries announced upcoming events she planned on attending.

4. City Attorney's Report - None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Doug Bartko encouraged the Council to pursue expanding the Palmer Depot and looking into systems to bring tourists to Palmer.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski asked that the Palmer Municipal Code language on Accessory Dwelling Units be looked at to make it clear and consistent.

Mr. Stuart Graham asked all to attend the Governor's budget talk on April 1 at Everett's in Wasilla.

Mr. Todd Smolden, Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office Director, introduced himself; invited all to attend the Governor's budget event on April 1; and offered to answer questions on the Governor's behalf.

H. NEW BUSINESS - None.

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported there were no Items Placed on the Table.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Fuller announced the Alaska Bible College would be expanding, bringing growth to Palmer.

Deputy Mayor LaFrance welcomed Mr. George Hoden to the Parks, Recreation, Cultural Resource Advisory Board; thanked MAT-SAR for their presentation; and stated he was looking forward to spring cleanup days.

Council Member Carrington requested the city manager have city trash cans out soon.

The Council took a recess from 7:58 p.m. to 8:14 p.m.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Clerk Evaluation
(Note: action may be taken following the executive session)

Main Motion: To Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Subjects that Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Clerk

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

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. and exited at 8:50 p.m.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, the following motion was made:

Main Motion: To Approve a 5 % Increase in Pay for the City Clerk effective April 22, 2019

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

M. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of April, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor