

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on May 28, 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	Sabrena 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	Lance Ketterling, Chief of Police

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. Introduction to **Ordinance No. 19-010**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 2.04.021 Creating Designated Council Seats
  - b. **Action Memorandum No. 19-048**: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Five-Year Contract with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to Provide Fire Emergency Response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area
  - c. **Action Memorandum No. 19-049**: Removing Board Member Rhonda Wohlbach from the Planning & Zoning Commission
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. April 16, 2019, Joint City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

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

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Presentation from Alaska Bible College Representative Ray Rose Regarding Parking and General Matters

Mr. Ray Rose, Alaska Bible College Vice President of Institutional Advancement, spoke to the purpose of Alaska Bible College (ABC), history of ABC, and future plans for ABC. Mr. Rose asked for the City's help in repairing the ABC parking lot.

## F. REPORTS

### 1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace entered his written report into the record.

### 2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley reported on the 2019 AML Summer Conference.

### 3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report, announced upcoming meetings, and requested nominations for Palmer Pride Picnic awards.

### 4. City Attorney's Report

None.

## G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Larry Hill updated the Council of the Alaska's 49<sup>th</sup> State Street Rodders Car Show, expressed appreciation for the city's support for the event, and suggested the city look into a code enforcement committee.

Miss Cambria Palmer expressed her appreciation for the sidewalk and street plowing done by the city.

Ms. Kenda Huling testified on the itinerant vendor permit process, a fair process for all vendors, notice provided to all vendors, and code enforcement at events.

## H. PUBLIC HEARING

### 1. **Ordinance No. 19-007:** Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 9.39 Pertaining to Excessive Police Responses

Council Member S. Combs summarized the legislative report as written in the packet.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-007.

Mr. Caesar Marciales spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 19-007.

Mrs. Hillary Palmer spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 19-007.

Ms. Patty Haugom spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 19-007.

Ms. Kathy Bishop spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 19-007.

Ms. Megha Hammaker spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 19-007.

Hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

### **Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 19-007**

Moved by:	L. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller

Council Member Fuller asked for the city manager's and chief of Police's perspective on the ordinance. City Manager Wallace answered he was not sure this particular ordinance would solve the problems spoke about in public testimony; the city was not staffed for it; the legislation changes the city to an enforcement city versus compliance, puts the city into the eviction business, and had little enforcement behind it; enforcement would increase legal fees for injunction costs; and require additional staffing and resources.

Chief of Police Lance Ketterling expressed concern for the vagaries for staff that would have to enforce the ordinance, vagueness and subjective language, and potential lawsuits from civil rights organizations.

City Attorney Michael Gatti spoke to legal issues, injunction process, and potential increased cost for enforcement.

**Motion to Postpone:** To No Later Than September and Direct Staff to Provide a Substitute Ordinance with Recommended Staff Changes

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

- Ordinance No. 19-008:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 2.18 Pertaining to Boards and Commissions Generally

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 8:29 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:41 p.m.

City Clerk Alley summarized the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-008. 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. 19-008**

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

- Ordinance No. 19-009:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 2.30 Pertaining to Board of Economic Development

City Clerk Alley summarized the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-009.

Ms. Kenda Huling spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 19-009 and suggested adding a membership requirement that at least two members should own a business in city limits.

Hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 19-009**

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	7 Yes/0 No
Action:	Motion Carried

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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

City Clerk Alley reported the city manager’s written report was the Item Placed on the Table.

**K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Fuller and Council Member L. Combs supported directing staff to report back on code enforcement options for the city.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

**Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor