

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 11, 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	

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 19-011**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Sections 2.04.041 and 2.05.030 Establishing Council Member and Mayor Term Limits
 - b. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 19-012**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 1.08.020(A) Penalty Surcharge and Amending the 2019 City of Palmer Fine Schedule to Reflect the New Fine
 - c. **Action Memorandum No. 19-050**: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Valley General Construction, LLC. for a Water Main Relocate, at the Intersection of S. Chugach Street and E. Commercial Drive, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$62,900.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. May 14, 2019, Regular Meeting

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

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

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation from Sister School Student Delegation from the Middle and High Schools

Students spoke in Japanese and English saying thank you for Council's scholarships and explained what they were most looking forward to with their upcoming trip to Saroma, Japan.

2. Presentation from Board of Economic Development Chair Dusty Silva

Board of Economic Development Chair Dusty Silva provided a summary on the Board of Economic Development review of Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 5.32 Marijuana and inquired about Ordinance No. 19-009 concerning the newly established residency requirement.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report and handed out the Alaska Municipal League Local Government Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Online Sales Tax Implementation.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley highlighted her written report.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Kenda Huling, Grow Mat-Su Representative, testified on the itinerant vendor permit process and notice provided to all vendors.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke on marijuana and crosswalks.

H. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Ordinance No. 19-010:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 2.04.021 Establishing Designated Council Seats

Council Member Carrington introduced the ordinance.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 19-010.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski asked for clarification on intention of people filing for a specific seat and no longer all candidate names being listed together. Council Member Carrington addressed his concerns and confirmed that was the intention.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Council Member S. Combs stated she did not support the ordinance due to it causing candidates to run against a specific person and potentially creating negative campaigning, Palmer established as a non-partisan Council and the potential to create partisanship, and there was no necessity for the change.

Council Member L. Combs stated she did not support the ordinance for the same reasons as stated by Council Member S. Combs and the current process is working as shown in the last four elections with a new individual elected to the Council, so the voters are voting in the people they want representing them.

Council Member Berberich stated she did not support the ordinance for the same reasons as previously stated and because it adds politics to campaigning.

Deputy Mayor LaFrance stated he did not support the ordinance because it welcomed negative campaigning and invited a level of political strategy that is not positive.

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 19-010

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	Carrington
Vote:	3 Yes/4 No (Berberich, L. Combs, S. Combs, LaFrance)
Action:	Motion Failed

- 2. **Resolution No. 19-002-A:** Amending the City of Palmer 2019 Fee Schedule to Include Itinerant Vendor, Repealing Roving Vendors, and Amending Public Information Requests

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-002-A.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman spoke against Resolution No. 19-002-A expressed concern regarding the public information requests fees and access to meeting audios on the website.

Hearing no objection from the Council, Mayor DeVries closed the public hearing.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 19-002-A

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

None.

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported the Alaska Municipal League Local Government Intergovernmental Agreement regarding Online Sales Tax Implementation was the Items Placed on the Table.

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Mike Chmielewski spoke on public access to the audio recording on the Radio Free Palmer website.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman testified on the public process and rights for the public to address policies and procedures.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member S. Combs provided a list of nominations for Palmer Pride awards (see official meeting packet).

Majority support by Council was provided to direct the city clerk to look into programs that would allow meeting audio recordings to be placed on the city’s website.

M. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of July, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor