

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 9, 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
Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor
Sabrena Combs

Julie Berberich (participated telephonically)
Linda Combs
David Fuller

Staff in attendance were the following:

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

Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Kara Johnson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. **Ordinance No. 19-013:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 71.44 A-C Airport Commercial District
 - b. **Ordinance No. 19-014:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code sections 17.89.020 Definitions, 17.89.030 Short-Term Rental Classifications, and 17.89.070 Standards Relating to Short-Term Rentals
 - c. **Action Memorandum No. 19-055:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Sole Source Contract with NorthStar Excavation and Asphalt for the Repair of the Asphalt Road Surface on E. Moore Road and E. Helen Drive in the Amount of \$21,228.00
 - d. **Action Memorandum No. 19-056:** Accepting Board Member Andrew Corbin’s Resignation from the Planning & Zoning Commission
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. June 11, 2019, Special Meeting
 - b. June 11, 2019, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	L. Combs
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Vacant
Action:	Motion Carried

E. ELECTION OF ALTERNATE DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor DeVries opened the floor for nominations for Alternate Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Carrington moved to nominate Council Member L. Combs as Alternate Deputy Mayor.

Hearing no further nominations, Mayor DeVries closed the nominations and called for a vote.

Council Member L. Combs received six yes votes; therefore, she was elected to the office of Alternate Deputy Mayor.

F. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation from Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Board, Chair Shannon Connelly

Ms. Shannon Connelly presented on the following:

- Tennis court improvements;
- Application status of the adopt-a-park grant application;
- New community outreach efforts for adopt-a-park; and
- Requested a joint meeting to discuss electrical box designs.

G. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report and reported on:

- Upcoming road closures;
- Status of FAA Grant; and
- ADA sidewalk project.

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.

H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Travis Friesen testified on the city's recycling program and plans for improvement.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 19-014:** Submitting a Non-binding Advisory Question to the City's Qualified Voters at the October 1, 2019, City of Palmer Regular Election to Determine Whether the Public Supports Enacting Council Member and Mayor Term Limits

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-014. Seeing no one come forward to speak and hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 19-014

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Berberich
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Vacant
Action:	Motion Carried

1. **Resolution No. 19-015:** Submitting a Non-Binding Advisory Question to the City’s Qualified Voters at the October 1, 2019, City of Palmer Regular Election to Determine Whether the Public Supports Enacting Designated Council Seats

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 19-015.

Mr. Jim Cooper spoke in opposition of the resolution and how it applied to voters.

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

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 19-015

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	DeVries
Vote:	2 Yes/4 No (Berberich, L. Combs, S. Combs, Fuller)/1 Vacant
Action:	Motion Failed

Mayor DeVries called a recess at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee of the Whole: Presentation from City Manager Nathan Wallace on Code Enforcement and the Excessive Police Response Ordinance No. 19-007 (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 8:06 p.m.

Topics addressed in the Committee of the Whole included:

- Code enforcement within the city;
- Code enforcement staffing; and
- Excessive Police Response ordinance.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 9:04 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting.

Main Motion: Directing the City Manager to Bring Forward the Revised Excessive Police Response Ordinance and Draft Code Amendments Relating to Title 1 Code Enforcement and Any Others Impacting the Budget

Moved by:	S. Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Vacant
Action:	Motion Carried

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

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

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jim Cooper testified on the Excessive Police Response Ordinance requesting the wording be changed to be more clear and understandable to the public.

M. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

No direction given to staff for legislation to be placed on a future agenda.

N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of August, 2019.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor