

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on November 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Comprising a quorum of the Council, the following were present:

Edna DeVries, Mayor	Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor
Julie Berberich	Sabrina Combs
Richard W. Best	Jill Valerius
Steve Carrington (arrived at 6:19 p.m.)	

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**

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda**

Moved by:	Linda Combs
Seconded by:	Jill Valerius
Vote:	6 Yes/0 No/1 Absent (Carrington)
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Committee of the Whole: Presentation of the 2020 Budget (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)
  - a. 2020 City of Palmer Budget
  - b. 2020 City of Palmer Pay Plan
  - c. 2020 City of Palmer Fee Schedule
  - d. 2020 City of Palmer Fine Schedule
  - e. 2020 City of Palmer Capital Improvement Program

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:03 p.m.

Topics addressed in the Committee of the Whole included:

- Insurance Update;

- Police Department;
- Fire Department;
- Public Works Department;
- Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund;
- Land Enterprise Fund;
- Solid Waste Enterprise Fund; and
- Community Development.

City Manager Wallace announced:

- Final insurance numbers came in one percent less, which puts \$50,252.00 into surplus. If Council chooses to not pass the increase onto the employees, the surplus would be \$42,552.00;
- The current health care trust the city is participating in may dissolve, so the human resources specialist was developing a request for proposal with anticipation it would be brought before the Council the first part of January; and
- Sales tax collections are above projections by \$16,000.00, which makes the expected 2019 ending fund balance \$250,000.00.

Mayor called a recess at 7:31 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Council Member Best and Deputy Mayor L. Combs requested a report for the Depot's expansion for cold storage on the North end of the building.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 8:36 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting.

#### **G. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

None.

#### **H. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

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

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**Approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor