

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 24, 2018, 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	Richard Best, Deputy Mayor (participated telephonically)
Steve Carrington	Sabrena Combs
David Fuller	Brad Hanson
Peter LaFrance	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney (participated telephonically)	Angie Anderson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction to **Ordinance No. 18-003**: Amending the Palmer Municipal Code Title 18 Pertaining to Absentee Voting by Electronic Transmission
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 18-049**: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with North Star Excavation and Asphalt, Inc. for the Construction of the City Hall Customer Parking Lot Upgrades and Entry Way in an Amount Not to Exceed \$74,000.00
 - c. **Action Memorandum No. 18-050**: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with HDL Engineering, for the Construction Administration for City Hall Customer Parking Lot Upgrades in an Amount Not to Exceed \$13,880.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. April 10, 2018, Regular Meeting

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

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
Action:	Motion Carried
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

Main Motion: To Postpone Communication and Appearance Request to May 1, 2018 and Move Reports After Public Hearing

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	Combs
Action:	Motion Carried
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Richard Stryken came forward to present a proposal of a possible development for a vacant building on Cobb Street.

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman spoke to the City Council meeting being held at the same time as other jurisdiction's meetings and the Council Chambers not being adequate to accommodate larger crowds.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Action Memorandum No. 18-048:** City Council Providing a Favorable Opinion, In Accordance with Palmer Municipal Code 9.74.010 Discharge of Firearms, to Allow the City Manager to Issue an Indoor Gun and Target Range Permit (Pending Motion)

City Clerk Norma Alley announced all testimony submitted after the packet was published had been placed on the table for the Council and public.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Action Memorandum No. 18-048.

The Council heard testimony from 26 people in favor of Action Memorandum No. 18-048 (see official meeting packet for list of citizens).

The Council heard testimony from 25 people opposing Action Memorandum No. 18-048 (see official meeting packet for list of citizens).

Mayor Devries closed the public hearing and called a recess at 8:33 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

City Manager Wallace stated AM No.18-048 is for a permit specific to the location, but the Council can allow the permit to be used for any commercial general location stated in the staff report. A permit is required per City Charter Section 9.74. All requirements have been met by the applicant, and the last step is an opinion by the Council.

Council Member LaFrance commented on the process and stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission should have been consulted.

Council Member Fuller stated the city of Palmer has had previous gun ranges and noise was not an issue, so precedence has been set to support this AM.

Deputy Mayor Best gave thanks for all who came out to speak and asked Council to vote in accordance to code and precedence.

Council Member Hanson asked City Attorney Mike Gatti for clarification on land use and for thoughts he may offer. City Attorney Gatti responded the AM is not a planning and zoning issue or a land use matter and the Council is within guidelines to make the decision.

Main Motion: To Table Action Memorandum No. 18-048 Indefinitely

Moved by:	LaFrance
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion Failed for lack of second
In favor:	
Opposed:	

Council Member Carrington stated he would support the AM being allowed for other locations.

Council Member Combs encouraged all citizens concerned to contact Kroger as they are the owner of the building.

Mayor DeVries called for a vote on the pending motion from the April 10, 2018 meeting.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 18-048

Moved by:	
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion Carried
In favor:	Best, Carrington, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson
Opposed:	LaFrance, Combs

Mayor DeVries called a break at 9:09 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

2. **Action Memorandum No. 18-051:** Directing the City Clerk to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection to Liquor License #119 and #5638, for Palmer City Alehouse, Located at 320 E. Dahlia Avenue

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Action Memorandum No. 18-051. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 18-051

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Fuller
Action:	Motion Carried
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

G. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report - City Manager Nathan Wallace highlighted his written report.
2. City Clerk's Report - City Clerk Norma I. Alley highlighted her written report
3. Mayor's Report - Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report.
4. City Attorney's Report - None.

H. ACTION MEMORANDA

1. **Action Memorandum No. 18-052:** Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Denise Christopher with a Term Ending October 31, 2020, to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Advisory Board

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 18-052

Moved by:	Fuller
Seconded by:	Combs
Action:	Motion Carried
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

2. **Action Memorandum No. 18-053:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$500.00 to the American Legion Post 15 to Support a Salute to Service Fun Run and Picnic to be Held on May 19, 2018

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 18-053

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Hanson
Action:	Motion Carried
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Norma Alley stated written testimony for AM No. 18-048 were Items Placed on the Table.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman requested consideration be given to meeting dates and times and suggested they not interfere with other state and local jurisdiction's meetings.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

All council members thanked the community for attending and participating in the public process.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of June, 2018.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor