

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 12, 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
Steve Carrington
David Fuller

Richard Best, Deputy Mayor
Sabrena Combs
Peter LaFrance

One Council seat was vacant due to a recent resignation.

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
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. **Action Memorandum No. 18-064:** Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Change Order No. 4 with Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc., to Install 150 Linear Feet of Additional 24" DIP Line from the Control Building to the MBBR as Part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Plan Update
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. April 17, 2018, Joint City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve Agenda, Consent Agenda and Minutes

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

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for Karen Cordero for Teacher of the Week

Mayor DeVries presented a proclamation to Karen Cordero for her outstanding service as a teacher in the community.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report and announced:

- City Hall parking lot construction project is progressing and currently under budget, so approval of paving the Fire Station parking lot will be recommended for the June 26, 2018, Council meeting;
- An AARP Community Grant had been submitted and if approved, the funds will pave sidewalks; and
- A crosswalk is being considered for Colony Way and final plans would be brought to Council in coming weeks.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley highlighted her written report and announced:

- Reminder for next week's special meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.;
- Recruiting for board and commission seats would end Friday, June 29, at 4:30 p.m.; and
- Campaign filing period for council seats was one month away.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries highlighted her written report and announced:

- Colony Days was a success;
- Commuter Rail Study was without funds, so the project was put on hold for one year;
- Department of Transportation representative would be presenting at the July Mayor/Manager meeting;
- She participated in the opening ceremonies at the Scottish Highland Games on June 30, 2018;
- Palmer Pride Picnic was to be held on July 27, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Depot; and
- Nominations for Person of the Year, Golden Shovel Award, and Beautification Award were still being accepted.

4. City Attorney's Report - None.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Jenny McDaniel highlighted Scottish Highland Game events to be held on June 30, 2018, and presented the Council with a poster.

Mr. Roy Burkhardt reported he felt the Police Department staff was not being consistent with enforcing parking in his neighborhood and wanted it brought to the City Council's attention.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee of the Whole (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)
 - a. Review of Council Member Applications
 - b. City Council Member Applicant Interviews

Main Motion: To Move Into Committee of the Whole

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

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 7:24 p.m.

City Clerk Alley handed out interview questions and two candidate application packets.

City Council reviewed the questions and application packets. Consensus was met to use the questions as submitted and conduct interviews with Mr. Kip Bailey and Mrs. Linda Combs.

Mr. Kip Bailey's interview questions and answers were as follows:

1. Tell us about yourself

Mr. Kip Bailey stated he moved to Alaska in 2001 and moved to Palmer in 2010; he worked for the Anchorage School District; his active family enjoys what Palmer has to offer; volunteered with organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Palmer Moose, and Nordic Booster Club; and would like to do more to give back to the community.

2. What do you feel is the most critical issue facing the city of Palmer today

Continuing to offer all that we can as a community such as water and sewer services, road maintenance, and maintaining the airport with fiscal uncertainty.

3. What do you think is the most positive attribute of the city

The vibrant downtown community and activities offered such as the wine walk, night runs, Palmer Pride, Colony Days, and many more.

4. Share with us your assessment of any recent decision of the City Council

Mr. Bailey stated he did not have much to say here.

Mrs. Linda Combs' interview questions and answers were as follows:

1. Tell us about yourself

Mrs. Linda Combs stated she was honored to have served the city as a previous council member and First Lady over the past 20 years and felt she had a solid background due to those positions.

2. What do you feel is the most critical issue facing the city of Palmer today

The continuance of consistent, moderate, and stable leadership. She stated the current and previous City Council's had served well, followed code, and done exactly what the city needed to grow and flourish during difficult times.

3. What do you think is the most positive attribute of the city

Becoming a destination. Palmer has developed a reputation for being a wonderful and enjoyable place to attend events.

4. Share with us your assessment of any recent decision of the City Council

The plastic bag ordinance passed was long overdue and was happy to see it in Palmer.

The Council adjourned from Committee of the Whole at 7:36 p.m. and Mayor DeVries reconvened the regular meeting.

2. Selection and Appointment of City Council Member

Mayor DeVries called for nominations. Deputy Mayor Best nominated Linda Combs. Council Member LaFrance nominated Kip Bailey.

Main Motion: To Close Nominations

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

Mayor Devries called for a vote on the nominations.

Vote on Nomination: Linda Combs

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| Action: | Appointed |
| In favor: | Best, Carrington, DeVries, Fuller |

Vote on Nomination: Kip Bailey

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| Action: | Not Appointed |
| In favor: | Combs, LaFrance |

City Clerk Alley announced she would begin the process to confirm Mrs. Combs appointment with the administration of her oath of office at the July 19 Council meeting.

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Norma Alley reported the following were Items Placed on the Table:

- Scottish Highland Game flyer and poster;
- Candidate Interview Questions; and
- Candidate Applications.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Carrington congratulated Mrs. Combs on being appointed and thanked Mr. Bailey for applying.

Council Member LaFrance thanked Mr. Bailey for applying, congratulated Mrs. Combs, and thanked all who helped out with the spectacular Colony Days event.

Deputy Mayor Best thanked both candidates, requested all to watch for motorcycles, and reminded people to be mindful of boat safety when in the water.

Council Member Fuller encouraged Mr. Bailey to run in the October election, congratulated Mrs. Combs, and suggested Council think about a new venue for Colony Days as the event is growing too large for downtown.

Council Member Combs stated she was excited to hear about the AARP grant, hoped the livable community designation could be reconsidered, and that Colony Days was a huge success and brought the largest crowd to date.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Approved this 24th day of July, 2018.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor