

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 14, 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
Steve Carrington	Linda Combs
Sabrena Combs	David Fuller
Pete LaFrance	

Staff in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney	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 of **Ordinance No. 18-005**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Title 14 Pertaining to Signs
 - b. **Resolution No. 18-019**: Appointing Election Officials for the City of Palmer Regular Election on Tuesday, October 2, 2018
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. March 6, 2018, City Council and Board of Economic Development Joint Meeting
 - b. July 24, 2018, Regular Meeting

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

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

E. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace highlighted his written report and added he attended a meeting with the Mat-Su Borough to learn of their recent IT issues, malware, ransomware, and virus threats.

Deputy Mayor Best requested the City Manager provide a report on the city's policy pertaining to citizens being required to provide a copy of their driver's license when setting up new utility accounts.

2. City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Alley highlighted her written report and announced any address changes that needed to be made by voters could be done on the State of Alaska Division of Elections' website.

3. Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Recommended everyone be aware of possible address conflicts with the Division of Elections' voter registration rolls due to PFD application being linked to voter registration;
- Announced the Mat-Su Medical Plaza's grand opening was to be held on August 28; and
- Announced the Transportation Fair in Wasilla would be held on September 13 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

4. City Attorney's Report

None.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Debra McGhan, Alaska Avalanche Information Center Executive Director, invited the Council to attend the National Emergency Preparedness Month event at the Menard Sports Center September 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and requested the Council to approve AM 18-071.

Mr. Ralph Baldwin asked for Council's support by approving AM 18-071 as the funds would be used to provide education and weekly forecast, which would increase safety. He thanked the Council for their past support.

Mrs. Jenel Gagnon and Mr. Collin Christensen sang a song as thanks to the Council for the donated use of the Palmer Depot for their performance of *Broadway Musicals*.

Mr. Mike Chmielewski commented anyone having questions on where to vote, on August 21, should vote at any polling place and use a question ballot; the meeting that the city manager spoke of attending was on the Radio Free Palmer website for anyone to listen to; and invasive vegetation was a concern for himself and his wife, noticed it was removed, and thanked the city employees for mowing it.

Mr. Tom Roberson requested Council's support for an emergency drain pipe to be installed in the local pools to aide in an emergency.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Resolution No. 18-018:** Appropriating a Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in an Amount up to \$518,625.00 for Taxiway Maintenance and Related Improvements at the Warren "Bud" Woods Palmer Municipal Airport

City Manager Wallace reported the grant was accepted but funds needed to be appropriated.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 18-018. Seeing no one come forward to speak and hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 18-018

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

H. ACTION MEMORANDA

- Action Memorandum No. 18-071:** Approving a Council Community Grant in the Amount of \$4,000.00 to the Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center to Provide Educational Information to the Public

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 18-071, as Amended

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

Primary Amendment #1: To Award to \$1,500.00

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	
Action:	Motion Failed for Lack of Second
In favor:	
Opposed:	

Council Member LaFrance asked the amount not be reduced as he felt lives could be saved with furthering this program. Council Member L. Combs agreed the project was important and should be furthered, but in a future budget rather than over spend in the current budget.

Primary Amendment #2: To Award \$2,000.00

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

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Alley reported Items Placed on the Table were Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Event Flyer, Tom Roberson’s letter of request for an emergency drain pipe in the Palmer public pool, and the Avalanche Information Center’s budget report.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tom Roberson asked the Council to remember the 1964 earthquake and think ahead, to prepare for an emergency.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member S. Combs thanked the Board of Economic Development for their hard work on the Palmer Depot Rental Policy, congratulated the Mat-Su Miners baseball team, and invited fellow Council Members to be judges at the Alaska State Fair Parade.

Council Member LaFrance stated interest in Palmer having rail trail cycling opportunities and would speak to Mat-Su Borough about possibilities.

Deputy Mayor Best requested the Council nominate the Public Works Department, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, to the Alaska Municipal League for state level recognition; asked Council for support in creating a separate budget for public safety grant funds for the greater Palmer area; and asked the city manager for an update on creating a trail head in the Hidden Ranch Subdivision.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of September, 2018.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor