

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 10, 2017, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Edna DeVries, Mayor	Linda Combs, Deputy Mayor
Richard Best	Steve Carrington
David Fuller	Brad Hanson
Peter LaFrance	

Also in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney - telephonically	Bernadette Packa, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Carrington.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 17-001**: Amending a portion of Palmer Municipal Code Chapters 17.44.010(E) A-C Airport Commercial District Intent, 17.48.010(E) A-I Airport Industrial District Intent and 17.49.010(C) A-M Airport Mixed Use District Intent; and Amending Building Setbacks in Chapters 17.44.060(C) A-C Airport Commercial District, 17.48.060(C) A-I Airport Industrial District and 17.49.060(C) A-M Airport Mixed Use District (IM No. 17-001)
 - b. **Resolution No. 17-007**: Accepting a Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service Program for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility Improvements in the Amount of \$8,334,290.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. December 6, 2016, Special Meeting
 - b. December 7, 2016, Special Meeting
 - c. December 13, 2016, Special Meeting
 - d. December 13, 2016, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda and Minutes as Amended

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

Primary Amendment #1: To Pull Consent Agenda Item D.1.b. (Resolution No. 17-007), Place Under New Business, Move New Business to I., and Re-letter Subsequent Agenda Items

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Item 1 – Palmer Municipal Golf Course Manager George Collum highlighted his written report; and fielded questions from the Council.

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report;
- Presented the new Construction Report and reviewed its format; and
- Highlighted the outlined steps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Norma Alley:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Noted full attendance in December by members in 3 of the 4 boards and commissions;
- Announced the Government Peak Recreation Area ribbon cutting scheduled for January 11, 2017, at 5:00 pm and requested Council let her know if they planned to attend; and
- Fielded questions from the Council.

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Addressed the 2016 Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment;
- Noted additional postings of the agenda by the front door entrance to City Hall;
- Spoke to an upcoming panel discussion on Youth Violence; and
- Reminded everyone of the Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 12, 2017, at the Depot.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 17-006: Accepting and Appropriating the 2017 Alaska Transportation Alternatives Program Grant from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Small Federal Programs in the Amount of \$115,300.00 for the Installation of American’s with Disabilities

Act (ADA) Compliant Sidewalks, Driveways and Curb Ramps, in accordance with the City of Palmer 2006 Comprehensive Plan (IM No. 17-002)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. 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. 17-006

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Hanson
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

Item 2 – Action Memorandum No. 17-001: City Council Statement of Non-Objection to the Renewal of Liquor License #3696, for the La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Located at 132 W. Evergreen

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

No statements of objection were received from the public.

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-001

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Combs
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

Item 3 – Action Memorandum No. 17-002: City Council Statement of Non-Objection to the Renewal of Liquor License #3767, for the Peking Garden Restaurant, Located at 775 W. Evergreen

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Carrington requested a staff report. City Clerk Alley confirmed the State of Alaska required the license be renewed by Peking Garden Restaurant for 2017 prior to the license being transferred to Humdingers.

No statements of objection were received from the public.

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-002

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Carrington
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

I. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 17-007: Accepting a Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service Program for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Facility Improvements in the Amount of \$8,334,290.00

City Manager Wallace provided clarification on the loan and grant requirements and fielded questions from the Council concerning funding.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 17-007

Moved by:	Hanson
Seconded by:	Fuller
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

J. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum No. 17-003: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Cree Lighting c/o Arctic Sales, Inc. for 151 LED Street Light Luminaires for a Total Cost of \$107,774.00

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-003

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Fuller
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

Item 2 - Action Memorandum No. 17-004: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Kruger, Inc. for the Moving Bed Bioreactor Phase I Procurement as Part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade in an Amount Not to Exceed \$918,760.00

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-004

Moved by:	Combs
Seconded by:	Best
Action:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote
In favor:	Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Fuller, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None

K. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Golf Course Manager George Collum's Written Report
Construction Report provided by the City Manager

L. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

M. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Best:

- Offered his condolences to families in the community on the loss of loved ones; and
- Expressed pleasure at being back in Palmer.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Shared some of the results from the bike-ability survey he completed in the fall;
- Addressed recommendations made by survey participants;
- Agreed to present the full results at an upcoming meeting; and
- Commented on hearing from Mountain Ranch residents interested in becoming part of the City.

Council Member Carrington:

- Hoped everyone enjoyed a safe holiday.

Council Member Hanson:

- Expressed interest in hearing the final report on the Safe Routes to School grant; and
- Commented on the value of the bike paths in the area.

Council Member Fuller:

- Expressed interest in the Safe Routes to School report as well; and
- Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Combs:

- Notified the Council she would be unavailable to attend the February 7, 2017, combined Council and Board of Economic Development meeting;
- Noted the beautiful Christmas decorations for the City;
- Spoke to a grand opening at the Boutique on Main;
- Promoted the Cinema Kabuki performance scheduled for January 21, 2017; and
- Thanked Council Member LaFrance for his work on the bike-ability survey; and
- Commented on the Council being timely with its Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award nominations this year.

Mayor DeVries:

- Spoke to the nominations for the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Awards;
- Asked to have the design of the award be placed on an upcoming agenda; and
- Requested the City Clerk address plans for Council attendance of the Alaska Municipal League conference in Juneau.

The City Clerk requested information from the Council Members regarding their availability for attendance of the conference and noted preferred dates and times for travel. By consensus of Council, the attendees will be Mayor DeVries, Council Member Best, and Council Member Fuller.

N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2017.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor