

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 28, 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	Bernadette Packa, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scouts from Pack 133.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 17-005**: Repealing Palmer Municipal Code Title 15 in its Entirety and Adopting a new Palmer Municipal Code Title 15 Buildings and Construction (IM No. 17-015)
 - b. Introduction **Ordinance No. 17-006**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 8.42.010 Definitions and Section 8.42.030 Use Prohibited to Define Sky Lanterns and Prohibit the Use of Sky Lanterns in the City of Palmer (IM No. 17-014)
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. January 24, 2017, Regular Meeting
 - b. February 28, 2017, Regular Meeting
 - c. March 14, 2017, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda and Minutes

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Mayor DeVries requested a suspension of the rules to add an Item 3. The Council had no objections.

Item 1 – Presentation of a National Service Recognition Day Proclamation

Mayor DeVries read and presented the proclamation to volunteers from AmeriCorps.

Item 2 – Presentation from Terry Snyder on Livable Communities

Ken Osterkamp, Alaska Association of Retired Persons (AARP) President:

- Spoke to the age friendly community concept;
- Provided statistics on aging pertinent to Alaska, and specifically the Mat-Su Valley; and
- Noted the critical benefits of the program were partnerships and networking.

Terry Snyder spoke to the advantages afforded the City through partnering with the AARP Network of Age-Friendly (Livable) Communities.

Item 3 – Proclaiming an Education and Sharing Day

Mayor DeVries read and presented the proclamation to Rabbi Greenberg.

The Council took a recess from 7:43 pm – 7:52 pm.

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager's Report

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted the projects report;
- Provided an update on the Dispatch transition;
- Announced the termination of the Dispatch Contract as of July 1, 2017;
- Addressed upcoming renewal of the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area Contract; and
- Fielded questions from the Council.

Item 2 – City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Norma Alley:

- Noted changes to the City website;
- Commented on a records destruction scheduled for late April;
- Noted work being done on the biannual review of the Records Retention Schedule;
- Commented on starting the process for a Legal Review of Palmer City code; and
- Fielded questions from the Council.

Item 3 – Mayor's Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Noted participation in the Mayor's Minute Radio Broadcast and a Channel 5 TV interview; and
- Addressed upcoming events.

Deputy Mayor Combs commented on the large turn-out for the Green Day Gallop.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Rachel Greenberg, Palmer Senior Center:

- Spoke to changes taking place at the Senior Center; and
- Expressed support for the Livable Communities Project.

Eugene Carl Haberman:

- Spoke to recent meetings at the Mat-Su Borough; and
- Noted the lack of opportunity provided for the public to speak at those meetings.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

Item 1 – Ordinance No. 17-003: Repealing Ordinance No. 428 and Adopting Palmer Municipal Code Title 7, Airport Regulations (IM No. 17-006) (2nd Public Hearing) (Pending Motion)

City Manager Wallace noted changes made to address questions raised by Council at the previous hearing of Ordinance No. 17-003.

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 17-003 as Amended

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

Primary Amendment #1: To Remove the Original Section 7.90.060 Aircraft Repair and Replace it With the Changes Brought Forward

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

The Council took a recess from 8:49 pm to 9:00 pm.

Primary Amendment #2: To Strike Section 7.90.060 Aircraft Repair B.4. and Replace it with 4. by a Mobile Mechanic that has a Current City of Palmer Business License; Prior to Commencing Work They Must Receive Instructions Regarding Safety, Security, and Environmental Protections From the Airport Superintendent; or

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

Item 2 – Action Memorandum No. 17-023: City Council Statement of Non-Objection to the Renewal of Liquor License #2098, for Carr-Gottstein Foods Co. Doing Business as Oaken Keg #1739, Located at 644 W. Evergreen Avenue

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

Eugene Carl Haberman:

- Felt the liquor license should have a second public hearing; and
- Believed more information should have been made available in the packet.

Hearing no objection from the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 17-023

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

The Council requested the City Clerk to add a section to the City of Palmer Liquor License Review Form to notate whether written or verbal objections had been received by the City.

No written or verbal objections had been received concerning this renewal.

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum No. 17-024: Confirm the Mayor’s Nomination of Public Works Director Chris Nall to the Matanuska Susitna Borough Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board to Fill the City of Palmer Representative Position

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-024

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

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Presentation and PowerPoint material on AARP Livable Communities

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eugene Carl Haberman:

- Spoke to concerns regarding a recent meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna School Board.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Best:

- Reminded everyone to be mindful of slick roads.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Thanked Terry Snyder for the presentation on Livable Communities;
- Spoke in favor of pursuing a Livable Community designation;
- Expressed excitement over the Bike Rack Design Competition; and
- Recapped the Lazy Mountain Foot Race over the past weekend.

Council Member Hanson:

- Thanked Eugene Haberman for his attendance;
- Wished Gene Stowe well on his retirement.

Council Member Fuller:

- Thanked Terry for her presentation; and
- Expressed appreciation to Council Member LaFrance for his efforts in promoting the local races.

Deputy Mayor Combs:

- Spoke to pursuit of the Livable Communities designation;
- Expressed congratulations to the Mayor on her excellent TV interview;
- Commented on future attendance of a Mat-Su Borough Recycling Round Table; and
- Spoke to the history of Palmer Pride; and
- Requested support for completion of a letter of intent to pursue an All-American City Award for 2018. Council Member Best offered his support.

Mayor DeVries:

- Reminded everyone of April 4, 2017, Joint Special Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm and the April 11, 2017, Special Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm.

Council Member Best requested support to look into participation with the AARP Livable Communities Network. Council Member Carrington offered his support.

M. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Approved this 25th day of April, 2017.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor