

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

David Fuller joined the meeting telephonically at 8:07 p.m.

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 Community Development Director Sandra Garley.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. **Resolution No. 17-026:** Confirming the Appointment of Election Officials for the City of Palmer Regular Election on Tuesday, October 3, 2017
 - b. **Action Memorandum No. 17-058:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter Into a Contract with Bering Marine Corporation for the Purchase and Delivery of 120 Tons of Road Salt in the Amount of \$18,966.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. August 5, 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, Hanson, LaFrance
Opposed:	None
Absent:	Fuller

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Item 1 – Presentation of a Proclamation Recognizing Sandra Garley’s Retirement

Mayor DeVries read and presented the proclamation to Community Development Director Sandra Garley. The Council took a brief recess from 7:11 to 7:17 p.m. to personally congratulate Sandra.

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report;
- Noted the Mat-Su Borough tabled its plastic bag tax until its December meeting;
- Provided an update on the upcoming 2018 Budget preparations;
- Commented on the State Fair Parade scheduled for Saturday; and
- Fielded questions from the Council.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Norma Alley:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Spoke to having tickets available for the August 30, 2017, Chamber Luncheon;
- Noted the advertisement for boards and commissions vacancies was published; and
- Fielded questions from the Council.

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Spoke to the Council’s planned attendance of the Alaska Municipal League Conference;
- Commented on upcoming events including the Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce Dinner on October 7, the Mat-Su Mayors’ Prayer Breakfast on November 11, and the Transportation Fair on September 27;
- Encouraged going forward with the application for All American City;
- Suggested the City sponsored Mat-Su Miners’ game day be changed to a weekend date; and
- Spoke to the Rotary Club’s planned renovation of Darren Park.

Item 4 – City Attorney’s Report

Michael Gatti: Spoke to attendance of the Alaska Municipal League Summer Meeting in Haines and highlighted the following:

- A budget presentation by the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Community and Regional Affairs;
- A PowerPoint presentation on a future gas pipeline;
- A long meeting with Governor Walker during which he spoke to many issues facing Alaska;
- A mayor’s strategy meeting for dealing with the budget; and
- A discussion on transportation network agencies.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum No. 17-059: Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Bore Tide Construction, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$133,693.33 to Perform Removal of Old Electrical Heating, Installation of New Mechanical Hydronic Heating Equipment and Required Flight Service Station Finishing Upgrades per City of Palmer Lease Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration

Council Member LaFrance requested a staff report. City Manager Wallace noted the bids exceeded the amounts budgeted in 2015. City Manager Wallace noted additional funds would be taken from the General Fund.

Council Member Hanson addressed the importance of considering monies transferred to the Airport Fund from the General Fund as “loans” which were to be repaid.

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-059

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

I. NEW BUSINESS

J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

K. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Fuller joined the meeting.

L. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Best:

- Wished the Police Department a safe fair season; and
- Encouraged everyone to watch out for different traffic patterns and to stay safe.

Council Member Hanson:

- Requested assurance that all the necessary funds were available for completing pavement of the bike trail behind the depot. City Manager Wallace confirmed the money was available.

Deputy Mayor Combs:

- Noted Rachel Greenberg was reappointed to the State of Alaska Commission on Aging;
- Provided an update on construction projects at the Mat-Su Regional Health Center;
- Spoke to an opportunity on August 31, 2017, to speak to Juneau concerning the Certificate of Need for a Behavioral Health Unit;
- Provided an update on the Gateway Visitor Center update; and
- Expressed appreciation to the Council for the condolences expressed over the past few weeks.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1 – Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation (Note: Action may be taken following the executive session)

Main Motion: To Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Manager Evaluation

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

Hearing no objection from the Council to exit the Executive Session, Mayor DeVries reconvened the Regular Meeting.

The Council entered into Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. and exited at 9:05 p.m.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, the following motion was made:

Main Motion: To Award the City Manager a \$10,000.00 Bonus in Addition to Contractual Salary Effective Immediately

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

N. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Approved this 12th day of September, 2017.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor