

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in 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
Sabrina Combs (participated telephonically)	Steve Carrington (participated telephonically)
David Fuller	Brad Hanson
Peter LaFrance	

Also in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager	Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Angie Anderson, Deputy City Clerk	Pamela Whitehead, Minutes Recorder

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction to **Ordinance No. 18-001**: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 17.49.020 Permitted Uses in A-M Airport Mixed Use District to Add Aeronautical Campgrounds as a Permitted Use.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. November 7, 2017, Special Meeting
 - b. November 21, 2017, Special Meeting
 - c. November 28, 2017, Special Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda and Minutes

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

E. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report on the table;
- Provided a year-end summary of Public Works activity;
- Fielded brief questions by the Council;

- Discussed the MSB Sales Tax Task Force Memorandum; and
- Advised he will be on vacation December 16-20; Public Works Director is authorized to act on in his behalf if needed.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Norma Alley:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Reported no concerns related to the attendance records of the boards and commissions;
- Reported joint meeting confirmations for AAC on January 13 and PRCRAB on February 13;
- Commented on the Clerk’s Coalition Meeting debriefing on the election;
- Introduced and welcomed new Deputy City Clerk Angie Anderson; and
- Advised she will be out of the office December 25-29.

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Reminded Council for nominations for the Golden Heart Award, which will be presented on February 13; and
- Spoke to upcoming events.

Based on recommendation by Council Member Fuller, Mayor DeVries presented City of Palmer Certificates of Appreciation to Palmer Pool’s Lifeguard Lehvi Minder and to Water Safety Instructor Sandra Lee, to say thank you for the pride they have demonstrated in the conduct of their duties and outstanding contributions to the community; citing the recent lifesaving measures administered at the Palmer Pool.

Item 4 – City Attorney’s Report

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Ordinance No. 17-015: Adopting a New Official Zoning Districts Map Superseding the Prior Map Adopted February 24, 2015, in Accordance with Palmer Municipal Code 17.16.040 Map – Replacement.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. There being no one coming forward to testify, and hearing no objection by the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Adopt Ordinance No. 17-015.

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

Item 2 – Resolution No. 18-001: Adopting a Budget for the City of Palmer, Alaska for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018, and Appropriating Monies (3rd Public Hearing).

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. There being no one coming forward to testify, and hearing no objection by the Council, the public hearing was closed.

City Clerk Norma Alley restated Primary Amendments 1 through 10 to Resolution No. 18-001 for the council's reference.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 18-001, as Amended.

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

Item 3 – Adoption of: (3rd Public Hearing)

- a. **Resolution No. 18-002:** Adopting the 2018 City of Palmer Employee Pay Plan.
- b. **Resolution No. 18-003:** Adopting the 2018 Fee Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018.
- c. **Resolution No. 18-004:** Adopting the 2018 Fine Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. There being no one coming forward to testify, and hearing no objection by the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Accept Resolution No. 18-002, Reflecting Amendments Approved in 18-001; Resolution No. 18-003, as Amended; and Resolution No. 18-004, as Presented.

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

Primary Amendment #1: To Restore Airport Fees for Apron C to be Consistent with Aprons A and B.

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

Item 4 – Resolution No. 18-005: Adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2018, and Ending December 31, 2018 (3rd Public Hearing).

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. There being no one coming forward to testify, and hearing no objection by the Council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Accept Resolution No. 18-005, Reflecting Amendments Approved in Resolution No. 18-001.

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

H. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum No. 17-080: Approving the Cancellation of the December 26, 2017, Regular Council Meeting.

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 17-080.

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

I. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

City Clerk Norma Alley reported the City Manager's Report was the Items Placed on the Table.

J. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eugene Carl Haberman:

- Spoke to the many city meetings he has attended in Anchorage and the Valley since 2012 and in addressing the issues there has been difficulty getting the message out;
- Noted there is cooperation in controlling the message, particularly by the Frontiersman;
- Spoke to the failure of balanced reporting to include public comments as well as council representatives; and
- Stated it is the responsibility of city officials to hear from the public before making decisions.

K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Combs:

Main Motion: To Authorize the City Manager to Award \$1,500.00 Bonuses to Permanent Full-Time and Part-Time Employees of the City of Palmer and to Include the City Manager and the City Clerk.

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

Council Member LaFrance:

- Commented he is happy to see the bonuses pass for city employees and challenged the employees to spend as much of it as possible in the city of Palmer supporting our merchants and businesses;
- Voiced disappointment in having to miss Colony Christmas in its entirety because he was sick; and
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Best:

- Commented it was a wonderful Colony Christmas including the lighting of the tower and the parade;
- Spoke to the Fireworks being a wonderful event, but was hearing from people about blocked streets and sidewalks not accessible; and
- Recommended finding a way to have some temporary signage to inform folks when pathways and streets are closed.

Council Member Hanson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and commented in amazement of the most number of people ever downtown during Colony Christmas.

Council Member Fuller expressed support to establish signage for closing streets during fireworks and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor DeVries shared support for signage during some of the big events in Downtown Palmer and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Approved this 23rd day of January, 2018.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor