

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 12, 2016, at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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| Richard Best | Brad Hanson |
| Steve Carrington | DeLena Goodwin Johnson |
| Edna DeVries | Peter LaFrance |
| Linda Combs | |

Also in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager
Janette Bower, City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Troop 300 Thunderbirds – Hunter and Ethan.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction – Ordinance No. 16-001: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 17.08 Definitions to include 17.08.208 Handicapped Accessible Ramps; and Amending Chapter 17.60.050 Projections into Required Yards to Add 17.60.050(G) (IM 16-002) Introduction – Ordinance No. 16-003: Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Section 10.04.110 Use of Compression or Engine Braking by Vehicles Prohibited (IM 16-004)
 - b. Introduction – Ordinance No. 16-004: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Sections 10.04.040 Snow Vehicles and 10.04.045 Off-highway Vehicles (IM 16-005)
 - c. Action Memorandum 16-002: Confirm the Mayor’s Reappointment of Douglas Cruthers to the Planning and Zoning Commission
 - d. Action Memorandum 16-006: City Council Statement of Non-objection to Liquor License #1436, for Pizzaria Delphi Restaurant, Located at 103 West Arctic Avenue, Palmer

- e. Action Memorandum 16-007: City Council Statement of Non-objection to Liquor License #3058, for The Moosehead Saloon, Located at 810 South Colony Way, Palmer
 - f. Action Memorandum 16-008: City Council Statement of Non-objection to Liquor License #4366, for Fred Meyer, Located at 650 Cobb Street, Palmer
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. December 1, 2015, Special Meeting
 - b. December 8, 2015, Regular Meeting

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Item 1 – Lance Ketterling, Chief – Palmer Police Department

Chief Ketterling was not in attendance and rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report;
- Reported on the resolution of a personnel issue;
- Spoke of news articles related to the City;
- Expanded on the upcoming Legislative session;
- Spoke of the building permit concerning the new Fred Meyer store; and
- Commented on his final move to Palmer.

Council Member DeVries:

- Requested all future Manager’s reports be included in the printed council packet; and
- Inquired of the building permit for the new Fred Meyer store.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Janette Bower:

- Informed the Council of the IT updates concerning Office 365; and
- Thanked the City for the flowers sent to her mother’s funeral.

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor Johnson:

- Spoke of the meeting held with Representative Shelly Hughes.

Item 4 – City Attorney’s Report

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Larry Hill:

- Thanked Mayor Johnson for Ordinance No. 16-003 regarding jake brakes;
- Expanded on jake brake nuisances; and
- Spoke of his hearing loss due to an accident.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 15-001 J: Amending the City of Palmer 2015 Budget by Approving an Appropriation and Transfer of \$90,000 from the Water and Sewer Utility Fund Unrestricted Net Position to the Airport Fund to Facilitate the Land Transfer of City Water Wells 4 and 5 from Airport Land to Water/Sewer Utility Land At The Deflated Value of \$40,909 (IM 15-063) (Public Hearing 1 of 2)

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward the public hearing was closed.

Council Member Best requested a breakdown of the costs allocated to each line item be brought forward at the next meeting.

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 16-001: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Regarding the Transfer of Road Maintenance Responsibilities by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough for Portions of Roads Inside and Outside the City of Palmer

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 16-001

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

Council Member LaFrance:

- Inquired about the number of roads maintained under the agreement.

City Manager Wallace:

- Expanded on the roads serviced under the agreement;
- Spoke of road efficiencies; and
- Highlighted the City’s monitoring activities concerning the Borough’s obligations.

Council Member Hanson:

- Inquired of the actual roads serviced under the agreement; and
- Asked of the plan concerning the Borough’s maintenance obligations.

Item 2 – Action Memorandum 16-003: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Hattenburg, Dilley, and Linnell, LLC for the Airport Master Plan Project

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 16-003

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

City Manager Wallace:

- Expanded on Tasks 12 and 13 concerning the Master Plan.

Item 3 – Action Memorandum 16-009: City Council Statement of Non-objection to Liquor License #5267, for Colony Inn Café, Located at 325 East Elmwood Avenue, Palmer

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 16-003

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

Council Member DeVries:

- Inquired of the sales tax delinquency concerns.

City Manager Wallace:

- Informed the council the sales tax issue had been resolved.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Ordinance No. 16-003: Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Section 10.04.110 Use of Compression or Engine Braking by Vehicles Prohibited (IM 16-004)

Main Motion: To introduce Ordinance No. 16-003 and hold a public hearing on January 26, 2016

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

Council Member Best:

- Spoke of the fiscal impact concerning the needed signage;
- Requested an analysis of the fiscal impact be brought to the next meeting; and
- Questioned the process concerning the City’s ability to place signs on State roads;

City Manager Wallace:

- Spoke of the signage placement; and
- Expanded on the process to request signs.

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Manager's Report

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

N. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Combs:

- Stated it felt right to be back;
- Thanked the community and City for the many gifts, etc.;
- Commented on the outpouring of concern;
- Expanded on the recent Chamber of Commerce meetings;
- Highlighted the Town Hall meeting;
- Thanked the Mayor and Council for their participation in the Buy Local Campaign; and
- Spoke of the Palmer Saroma Kai annual meeting.

Council Member DeVries:

- Stated she looked forward to a great year; and
- Voiced appreciation for the City Manager's diligence concerning the dispatch issue.

Deputy Mayor Hanson:

- Welcomed Council Member Combs back to the table.

Council Member Carrington:

- Welcomed Council Member Combs back to the table; and
- Stated he would not be in attendance at the next meeting.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Thanked the City for the flowers for his new baby.

Council Member Best:

- Commented on Council Member Combs' health;
- Voiced appreciation for the Mayor's proposal concerning jake brakes; and
- Expanded on the dry winter and anticipation of motorcycles on the roads.

Mayor Johnson:

- Stated it was good to be back; and
- Expanded on her daughter's vehicle theft and interaction with the Anchorage Police Department and voiced her favor of Palmer Police Department.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Approved this twenty-sixth day of January, 2016.

DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk