

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 8, 2016 at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 |
| Linda Combs | Peter LaFrance |
| Edna DeVries | |

Also in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager
Janette Bower, City Clerk
Bernadette Packa, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a member of Boy Scout Troop 338.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction – Ordinance No. 16-005: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Sections 18.35.081 Counting Early Ballots and 18.35.090 Counting Questioned Ballots (IM 16-014)
 - b. Introduction – Ordinance No. 16-006: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 18.07.025 Signature Requirements (IM 16-013)
 - c. Introduction – Ordinance No. 16-009: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 2.04.021 Composition (IM 16-017)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. February 9, 2016, Special Meeting
 - b. February 9, 2016, Regular Meeting
 - c. February 23, 2016, Regular Meeting

E. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Golden Heart Award Presentation to Wayne Bouwens

Mayor Johnson presented the Golden Heart Award for Wayne Bouwens to his family members.

F. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Item 1 – Sandra Garley, Director – Department of Community Development

Director Sandra Garley highlighted her written report and fielded questions from the Council.

G. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager's Report

City Manager Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report;
- Provided an update concerning the MTA scoreboard repair;
- Addressed geo-testing for update of Water Treatment system;
- Commented on a State of Alaska Grant and efforts made to change its language in order for it to be used to acquire property and assist with engineering; and
- Announced the Palmer Golf Course was conditionally opened for the season on March 5, 2016.

Item 2 – City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Janette Bower:

- Reminded the Council of the March 10 and March 11 special meetings;
- Shared that six candidates would be interviewed, with one telephonic interview; and
- Commented on a project underway to create electronic copies of all the official minutes.

Item 3 – Mayor's Report

Mayor Johnson:

- Commented on her recent opportunity to serve as a Speech Judge at Sherrod Elementary;
- Commented on attendance at the Valley Community Recycling Solutions (VCRS) luncheon;
- Shared that the Mat-Su Health Foundation may be a resource for small grant requests;
- Highlighted plans for the Who Let the Girls Out event slated for April 22-23, 2016; and
- Reminded everyone of the March 26, 2016, event to rename the airport.

Item 4 – City Attorney's Report

H. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Keith Morberg, resident of Mountain Rose Estates:

- Spoke to a special meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission to take up select portions of an earlier decision which was remanded to the commission by the hearing officer of the Planned Unit Development appeal; and

- Asked if the interested parties who spoke at the last hearing would be given notification of the meeting time and be given opportunity to comment.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing.

Chris Houchen, owner of Alaska Air Fuel:

- Expressed concerns regarding the fuel flowage fee;
- Asked what the funds would be used for; and
- Suggested options for obtaining additional airport funding.

Don King, resident of Palmer:

- Spoke to a similar ordinance from the City of Kenai for flowage fees;
- Asked how the fuel flowage fee amount was determined and where the funds be used; and
- Requested that Ordinance No. 16-008 be revised.

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing.

Item 1 Ordinance No. 16-008: Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Section 12.08.015 Fuel Flowage Fee (IM 16-007) (Public Hearing 2 of 2)

Main Motion: To Enact Ordinance 16-008

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| Moved by: | Carrington |
| Seconded by: | Combs |
| Action: | Motion pending to April 26, 2016 |
| In favor: | |
| Opposed: | |

City Manager Wallace provided clarification on the development of Ordinance No. 16-008 and presented options for its modification.

Primary Amendment #1: To include an implementation date of "no earlier than May 1, 2016"

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

Discussion by the Council ensued.

Following a request by the Council, John Lee provided historic detail concerning development of the fuel flowage fee by the Airport Advisory Commission.

At the invitation of Mayor Johnson, additional comments regarding revised Ordinance No. 16-008 were shared by Chris Houchen and John Lee.

**Primary Amendment #2: To change Ordinance 16-008 to read:
12.08.015 Fuel flowage fee.**

- A. Any person, firm or corporation who delivers aviation fuel including gasoline, motor vehicle gasoline, Jet A, Jet B, or 100 low lead fuel and others diesel fuel, kerosene, aviation jet fuel or like substance (hereafter referred to as fuel) to any person, firm or corporation at the Warren "Bud" Woods Palmer Municipal airport for use in an aircraft for flight or "over the wing" fueling, shall pay a fuel flowage fee of five cents (\$0.05) for each gallon of fuel.
 - B. Any person, firm, or corporation who transports fuel to another location for resale may be entitled to a rebate within 45 days of the City of Palmer fuel flowage fee.
 - 1. A rebate request must be accompanied by proof of purchase of a fuel flowage fee at the Warren "Bud" Woods Palmer Municipal Airport; and
 - 2. Proof of resale outside Palmer city limits.
 - C. B. The funds derived from fuel flowage fees shall be utilized solely for the maintenance, operation and improvements of the Warren "Bud" Woods Palmer Municipal airport.
- Section 4. Effective Date. Ordinance No. 16-008 shall take effect on May 1, 2016. ~~upon adoption by the Palmer City Council.~~

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| Moved by: | Hanson |
| Seconded by: | DeVries |
| Action: | Motion carried by 6-1 voice vote. |
| In favor: | Best, Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Hanson, Johnson |
| Opposed: | LaFrance |

Motion to postpone: To postpone to April 26, in conjunction with an accompanying sales tax ordinance

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

J. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 16-023: Authorize the City Manager to Enter into Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement Approved by Council on February 14, 2012 with the Palmer Museum of History and Art for Museum Services to Update Section II. F to Reflect Payments for 2016

Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 16-023

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

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1 – City Clerk Recruitment Process

L. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 16-011: Accepting and Appropriating the 2016 State of Alaska High Visibility Enforcement Overtime Grant 405d M5HVE-16-01-00(A)-8 in the Amount of \$18,826 to be Used for High Visibility DUI Enforcement Activities by the Palmer Police Department (IM 16-015)

Main Motion: To approve Resolution No. 16-011

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

Item 2 – Resolution No. 16-012: Accepting and Appropriating Grant Offer from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in an Amount up to \$46,300 to Perform Phase III of the Master Plan Exhibit A at the Palmer Municipal Airport (IM 16-016)

Main Motion: To approve Resolution No. 16-012

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

M. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Community Development Report
Updated Version of Ordinance 16-008

N. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Andrea Fuller:

- Commented on the Palmer Museum of History and Art Photo Collection Event;
- Highlighted outcomes from the Gun Show sponsored by the Palmer Lions' Club;
- Addressed the upcoming Palmer Midsummer Garden and Art Fair scheduled for July;
- Commented on the Girl Scout Cookie sales taking place in the community; and
- Spoke to the Palmer Lion's Club annual cinnamon roll sale.

O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Combs:

- Encouraged participation in the cinnamon roll sale;
- Commented on a Retail Therapy Event sponsored by Valley Radiation Therapy Center scheduled for March 25;

- Highlighted details on ticket sales to ride the train from Anchorage to Palmer for the Who Let the Girls Out Event; and
- Encouraged support of our local businesses.

Council Member DeVries:

- Requested additional advertising be done concerning Ordinance No. 16-009; and
- Requested a follow up on the bullying ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Hanson:

- Expressed appreciation to the City of Palmer volunteers, especially the Fullers; and
- Addressed advertising for Ordinance No. 16-009.

Council Member Carrington:

- Suggested the possibility of holding an extra public hearing for Ordinance No. 16-009; and
- Expressed appreciation to Director Garley and the Library Director for their efforts in acquiring a Rasmussen Grant to be awarded to the Friends of the Library.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Spoke to his dissent on the amendment to Ordinance No. 16-008;
- Expressed excitement about the Arboretum refresh; and
- Expressed appreciation to Director Garley for the bike rack design competition.

Council Member Best:

- Pointed out April 30, 2016, as the 65th anniversary of the City of Palmer's incorporation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Approved this twenty-second day of March, 2016.

Bradley Hanson, Deputy Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk