

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 11, 2016 at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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 Council Member LaFrance.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Eugene Carl Haberman:

- Addressed the importance of following the public process in hiring the new City Clerk.

E. City Council Interview Process Discussion

F. City Clerk Interviews

Candidate 1 – Norma Alley

Alice Williams, Human Resources Specialist, asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate Norma Alley answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

Candidate 2 – Benji Wood

Alice Williams, Human Resources Specialist, asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate Benji Wood answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

Candidate 3 – Gina Davis

Alice Williams, Human Resources Specialist, asked the candidate the interview questions. Candidate Gina Davis answered the questions and then asked questions of the Council.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1 – Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Clerk Candidates (Note: All city clerk candidates may be discussed during the executive session including the candidates scheduled to be interviewed on Thursday, March 10. Those candidates are: Tani Wieber-Schoneman, Sandra Swanger-Jensen, and Paul Dauphinais. Personnel action regarding the City Clerk Candidates 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 Clerk Candidates

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

The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:36 and exited at 8:15 pm.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, the following motions were made:

Main Motion: To offer the City Clerk position to Norma Alley with a salary of \$80,000 and \$5,000 in moving expenses.

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

Main Motion: To direct the City Clerk and Attorney finalize the contract with Norma Alley

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

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Approved this twenty-second day of March, 2016.

Bradley Hanson, Deputy Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk