

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 26, 2016, at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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  
Norma Alley, City Clerk  
Bernadette Packa, Deputy City Clerk  
Michael Gatti, City Attorney - participated telephonically

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sister City Exchange Student Tabitha Villanueva.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. Introduction - Ordinance 16-011: Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.21.175 establishing a Local Vendor Preference for Purposes of Bid or Proposal Evaluation (IM 16-019)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. April 12, 2016, Special Meeting
  - b. April 12, 2016, Regular Meeting

**Main Motion: To approve consent agenda and minutes**

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

## **E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

### **Item 1 - Palmer Saroma Sister City Exchange Group**

Students from the group introduced themselves in Japanese, shared their reasons for participating in the exchange program, and expressed gratitude to the City for its support.

The students present included Lily Bryan, Hannah Villanueva, Tabitha Villanueva, Tucker Christiansen, Anika McDonough, Anesia Pavilla, Haley Hershman, Connor Monroe, Liz Crowley, and Tanya H. Lang.

## **F. REPORTS**

### **Item 1 – City Manager’s Report**

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report;
- Provided a status update on the Sherrod Water Main Phase 4 construction project;
- Highlighted events scheduled for the weekend including the 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the City, the City Wide Clean-up, and the Valley Chrome and Wheels Car Show;
- Commented on the May 14 – 16 planned events for Arbor Day; and
- Fielded questions from the Council.

Council Member DeVries requested the City Manager contact the borough and share information from his report concerning the library usage percentages for patrons who are residents of the Mat-Su Borough.

Council Member Combs requested a complete list of what was finished at the MTA Events Center including the storage buildings and the number of tables and chairs. Council Member DeVries offered support.

### **Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report**

City Clerk Norma Alley:

- Expressed excitement about starting as City Clerk and meeting with council members and staff.

### **Item 3 – Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Johnson:

- Made note of the successful Who Let the Girls Out event;
- Commented on attending two grand openings during the past week for Dr. K’s Pediatric Dentistry and the Fun Center in Wasilla;
- Commented on attendance at the Mayor and Manager’s meeting in Wasilla;
- Addressed the continued need for a Drug Task Force in the Valley; and
- Spoke to problems resulting from the recent change of how members are removed from boards.

### **Item 4 – City Attorney’s Report**

## G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Deputy Mayor Hanson requested a staff report. The City Manager detailed any impact the ordinance would have on sales tax and recommended the effective date be changed to July 1, 2016.

**Item 1 – Ordinance No. 16-002:** Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.16.050 Sales Tax Exceptions (IM 16-001) (Public Hearing 2 of 2)

### **Main Motion: To adopt Ordinance No. 16-002 as amended**

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

### **Primary Amendment #1: To change the effective date to July 1, 2016**

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

**Item 2 – Resolution No. 16-001 A:** Amending the City of Palmer 2016 Budget by Approving an Appropriation of \$54,500 from the General Fund to Pay for Improvements to the Randy Thom Flight Service Center (IM 16-003) (Public hearing 2 of 2)

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

Deputy Mayor Hanson requested a staff report. The City Manager detailed need for the repairs and fielded questions from the council.

### **Main Motion: To approve Resolution No. 16-001 A**

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

**Item 3 – Resolution No. 16-013:** Amending the City of Palmer 2015 Fee Schedule by Establishing a Fee for Plan Reviews (IM 16-020) (Public Hearing 1 of 2)

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

The City Manager answered questions concerning the possibility of additional liability being incurred by doing the plan reviews and the establishment of the fee amount.

**Main Motion: To approve Resolution No. 16-013**

Moved by:	Hanson
Seconded by:	Combs
Action:	Motion pending to May 10, 2016 meeting.
In favor:	
Opposed:	

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

**Item 1 – Action Memorandum 16-033:** Local Solicitation and Authorize the Fire Chief to Purchase a New Set of Hurst Heavy Hydraulic Rescue Tools to Include Tools and Associated Equipment

Council Members DeVries requested the City Manager provide the remaining grant amount at some time in the future.

**Main Motion: To authorize Action Memorandum 16-033**

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item 1 – Ordinance No. 16-008:** Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Section 12.08.015 Fuel Flowage Fee (IM 16-007)

**Main Motion: To approve Ordinance No. 16-008 as amended**

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

**Primary Amendment #1: To change effectiveness date to July 1, 2016**

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

**Primary Amendment #2: To amend Section 12.08.015 B to read: "Any person, firm, or corporation who transports fuel to another location for sale outside City limits for resale may be entitled to a rebate within 45 days of the City of Palmer fuel flowage fee."**

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

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**N. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Combs:

- Commented on the wonderful time had by all at the Who Let the Girls Out event and expressed great appreciation to Loren and Denise Statz for their efforts with the event;
- Pointed out the City Cleanup as the start of Palmer's 65th Birthday and hoped the celebration would continue all year long; and
- Expressed pleasure to hear from the Saroma Student Exchange group.

Council Member DeVries:

- Requested support for the City Clerk to compile a meeting attendance record for board and commission members over the last six months. Council Member Best offered support.

Council Member Hanson:

- Commented on the wonderful weekend of events, and offered special thanks to the Public Works and Police departments for their support.

Council Member Carrington:

- Expressed enthusiasm about hearing from the Saroma Student Exchange Students; and
- Reported the Alaska Railroad's use of five passenger cars to transport attendees from Anchorage to the Who Let the Girls Out Event.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Requested a Tourism tab be placed on the City website. Council Member DeVries offered support; and
- Shared Grow Palmer's start of a Go Fund Me to help fund their new gardens.

Council Member Best:

- Reminded everyone to be cautious and watch out for motorcycles; and
- Commented on a recent aviation fatality and expressed sympathy for the family.

Mayor Johnson:

- Expressed her condolences to the family as well;
- Requested that the Visitor Center tab on the website be featured at the top of the page;
- Extended a challenge to the council members to support Grow Palmer through the Go Fund Me site; and
- Requested a marker be placed on the bicycle trail at the City of Palmer boundary.

City Manager Wallace introduced Frank Kelly, the new Airport Superintendent.

## **O. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

**Approved this tenth day of May, 2016.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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DeLena Goodwin Johnson, Mayor