

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on November 1, 2016, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Richard Best	David Fuller
Steve Carrington	Brad Hanson
Linda Combs	Peter LaFrance
Edna DeVries	

Also in attendance were the following:  
Nathan Wallace, City Manager  
Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk  
Bernadette Packa, Deputy City Clerk  
Michael Gatti, City Attorney

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Brad Hanson.

**D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mayor DeVries presented flowers to Deputy Mayor Combs in recognition of her one year anniversary of not smoking.

**E. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**Item 1** – Committee of the Whole (note: action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)

**Main Motion: To Enter Into a Committee of the Whole to Discuss 2016 City of Palmer Budget**

- 1. 2016 City of Palmer Pay Plan**
- 2. 2016 City of Palmer Fee Schedule**
- 3. 2016 City of Palmer Fine Schedule**
- 4. 2016 City of Palmer Capital Improvement Program**

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

Topics of discussion and questions/ideas brought forth included:

- Grant funding and the arrival of the new fire truck;
- Whether fire station modifications were needed to accommodate fire truck design;
- A mechanism for charging for the water provided to service areas outside of Palmer's fire service area;
- The use of speed bumps and a review of other traffic issues;
- The responsibility for Mowing in the Bogard Extension area;
- The inclusion of City event notifications in the utility bills;
- Ways to reduce costs associated with utility billing;
- The promotion of electronic billing and paying on-line, to include an opt out of paper billing;
- The possibility of setting up an auto-pay option;
- Expansion of the garbage service area;
- Recycling and composting stations setup throughout Palmer;
- Increasing the number of tables and chairs at the MTA Events Center;
- Advertising for use of the MTA Events Center; and
- The schedule for ice in the MTA Events Center.

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:02 pm and exited at 8:20 pm.

## F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

**Approved this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.**

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

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Edna B. DeVries, Mayor