

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on November 29, 2016, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Richard Best – arrived at 6:17 pm	David Fuller
Steve Carrington	Brad Hanson
Linda Combs	Peter LaFrance
Edna DeVries	

Also in attendance were the following:

Nathan Wallace, City Manager
Norma Alley, MMC, City Clerk
Bernadette Packa, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Gatti, City Attorney – participated telephonically

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member LaFrance.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

E. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Committee of the Whole: Presentation of the 2015 City of Palmer Audit

Main Motion: To Enter into a Committee of the Whole to Discuss 2015 City of Palmer Audit

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

Lia Patton, representing the BDO auditors, highlighted the written audit and fielded questions from the Council. The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:03 pm and exited at 6:36 pm.

Item 2 – Acceptance of the 2015 City of Palmer Audit

Main Motion: To Accept the 2015 City of Palmer Audit

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

Mayor DeVries requested to suspend the rules to plan attendance by the Council of local meetings.

Main Motion: To Suspend the Rules

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

F. 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 2017 City of Palmer Budget

1. 2017 City of Palmer Budget
2. 2017 City of Palmer Pay Plan
3. 2017 City of Palmer Fee Schedule
4. 2017 City of Palmer Fine Schedule
5. 2017 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 addressed in the Committee of the Whole included:

- A planned codification review;
- The need for better use of Blackboard Connect;
- The need for a single source to manage the City website;
- The possibility of reworking the contract for golf course management;
- Pet licensing;
- Consequences for residents whose pets exceed the maximum number allowed; and
- The loss of municipal aid from the State of Alaska.

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:52 pm and exited at 8:54 pm.

G. ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

List of Recommended Amendments
Replacement Pages for Updating the Budget Books

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Approved this 13th day of December, 2016.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor