

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 13, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor DeVries called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

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 Deputy Mayor Combs.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. **Action Memorandum No. 16-086:** Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter in to a Contract with Capital Industries, Inc. for the Purchase and Delivery of 50 Dumpsters in the Amount of \$50,020.00
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. October 11, 2016, Regular Meeting
 - b. October 25, 2016, Special Meeting
 - c. October 25, 2016, Regular Meeting
 - d. November 21, 2016, Special Meeting
 - e. November 29, 2016, Special Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve Consent Agenda and Minutes

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

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Nathan Wallace:

- Highlighted his written report;
- Spoke to the Colony Christmas Event;
- Announced City Hall closure dates for December 26, 2016, and January 2, 2017; and
- Wished Happy Holidays to the Council and citizens of Palmer.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Norma Alley:

- Highlighted her written report.

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor DeVries:

- Highlighted her written report;
- Spoke to the Legislative Reception scheduled for earlier today;
- Commented on two opportunities to thank Senator Bill Stoltz scheduled for December 19, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Chugiak Senior Center and on January 4, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Palmer Senior Center;
- Spoke to a planned discussion on library funding scheduled for the next Mayors and Managers meeting;
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas; and
- Expressed appreciation to the City Manager and City Clerk for all their assistance.

Deputy Mayor Combs shared about the City of Palmer receiving first place in the Colony Christmas Parade of Lights.

Item 4 – City Attorney’s Report

Michael Gatti:

- Spoke to the Mountain Rose Appeal and a 30-day extension granted for the brief;
- Provided a status update on the Consent Decree; and
- Wished the Council a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 17-001: Adopting a Budget for the City of Palmer, Alaska for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017, and Ending December 31, 2017, and Appropriating Monies (3rd Public Hearing) (Motion on the Floor)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 17-001 as Amended

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

Item 2 – Resolution No. 17-002: Adopting the City of Palmer Employee Pay Plan (3rd Public Hearing)
(Motion on the Floor)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 17-002 as Amended

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

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Primary Amendment #2 to Resolution 17-002: To Amend the 2017 Pay Plan to Reflect the Creation of a Mechanic 1 at Level 6

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

Primary Amendment #3 to Resolution 17-002: To Amend the 2017 Pay Plan to Reflect the Creation of a Public Works Specialist at Level 7 and Remove Admin Assistant – Public Works at Level 5

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Fuller
Action:	Motion failed by a 3-4 voice vote.
In favor:	Best, Fuller, LaFrance
Opposed:	Carrington, Combs, DeVries, Hanson

Item 3 – Resolution No. 17-003: Adopting the 2017 City of Palmer Fee Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017, and Ending December 31, 2017 (3rd Public Hearing)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Item 4 – Resolution No. 17-004: Adopting the 2017 City of Palmer Fine Schedule for the City of Palmer for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017, and Ending December 31, 2017 (3rd Public Hearing)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Item 5 – Resolution No. 17-005: Adopting the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2017, and Ending December 31, 2017 (3rd Public Hearing) (Motion on the Floor)

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Resolutions No. 17-003, 17-004, and 17-005 as Amended

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

Primary Amendment #1 To Amend the 2017 CIP to Reflect the Capital Budget to Resolution 17-005: Amendments in Resolution 17-001

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

Item 6 – Action Memorandum No. 16-087: City Council Statement of Non-Objection to the Renewal of Liquor License #39, for the Alaska State Fair, Located 1 Mile South of Palmer

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 16-087

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

Item 7 – Action Memorandum No. 16-088: City Council Statement of Non-Objection to the Renewal of Liquor License #1274, for the Lou-Jack Palmer Bar, Located at 828 South Colony Way

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward to speak, and hearing no objection from the council, the public hearing was closed.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 16-088

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

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum No. 16-089: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a 12 Month Contract Amendment for Dispatch Services with the Matanuska Susitna Borough in the Amount of \$900,000.00

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 16-089

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

Item 2 - Action Memorandum No. 16-090: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Replacement Lease Agreement with ADD Investments, LLC for the Lease of Approximately 6.93 Acres of Land on Cope Industrial Way at the Palmer Municipal Airport

Council Member Fuller requested a staff report. City Manager Wallace provided a history of the original lease, including miscalculations, and explained the benefits of the new lease.

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 16-090

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

Item 3 - Action Memorandum No. 16-091: Appointment of a Member of the City Council to Serve as an Alternate City of Palmer Representative on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Marijuana Advisory Commission and to Appoint a New Primary City of Palmer Representative

Mayor DeVries requested nominations for City of Palmer Representatives to the committee.

Main Motion: To Nominate Mayor DeVries for Primary Representative

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

Main Motion: To Nominate Council Member Carrington for Alternate Representative

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

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 16-091

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

Item 4 - Action Memorandum No. 16-092: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract With the Selected Law Firm for the Legal Services for the City of Palmer Not to Exceed \$160,000.00 From the Request for Proposal RFP #16-01CC

Main Motion: To Authorize Action Memorandum No. 16-092 as Amended

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

Primary Amendment #1: To Remove the Words "Not to Exceed \$160,000.00"

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

Primary Amendment #2: To Replace "the Selected Law Firm" with "Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens, P.C."

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1 - Action Memorandum No. 16-085: Approval to Cancel the December 27, 2016, Regular Council Meeting (Motion on the Floor)

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 16-085

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

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Herb Bischoff:

- Expressed appreciation to the Council for their hard work;
- Spoke to difficulty in determining how individual members voted on divided issues; and
- Requested the vote be clarified in those situations.

N. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Carrington:

- Spoke to appointment as Alternate Representative for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Marijuana Advisory Commission.

Council Member LaFrance:

- Commended the Alaska Clay Arts Association for its sponsorship of the Empty Bowls Fund Raiser to Address Child Hunger in the Mat-Su Area;
- Commended the City for its amazing float at the Colony Christmas Parade;
- Encouraged the Council to consider cycling as a 12 month a year activity; and
- Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Council Member Best:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; and
- Spoke to the impressive attendance of Colony Christmas events.

Council Member Hanson:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year;
- Spoke to memories of the initial Colony Christmas; and
- Spoke to the possibility of joining the bike paths throughout the City.

Council Member Fuller:

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; and
- Offered Kudos to the City Manager, Public Works, and all the City Employees for their efforts in Colony Christmas.

Deputy Mayor Combs:

- Spoke to the large number of places which took part in Colony Christmas;
- Wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all; and
- Thanked the Council for their support over the past year.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Approved this 10th day of January, 2017.

Norma I. Alley, MMC, City Clerk

Edna B. DeVries, Mayor