

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Steve Carrington, Deputy Mayor Pam Melin, John Alcantra, Carolina Anzilotti, Joshua Tudor, Thomas Ojala IV, and Richard W. Best.

Staff in attendance:

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Brad Hansen, Community Dev. Director

Gina Davis, Finance Director
Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as modified (Pull Public Hearing for Resolution No. 23-009 and move Council Member comments before Executive Session), and approval of minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting

Moved by:	Carrington
Seconded by:	Best
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Dwayne Shelton, Police Chief, swore in returning Palmer Police Officer Virginia Calvert

Mayor Carrington called a brief recess at 5:47 pm., the meeting reconvened at 6:10 pm.

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

- Acting Manager, Brad Hanson, notified the Council and public that the library personnel have begun to set up the temporary library in the new space.
- Library books will be stored in an offsite storage facility until the new library is complete.

2. Mayor's Report

- Provided an overview of the written report in the packet.

3. City Clerk's Report

- No formal report.

4. City Attorney's Report

- Provided an update of the plan to deal with the vagrancy issue.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Recited social media posts concerning the Museum.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on the future of the Museum.

Mary Jo Parks:

- Spoke in support of the Museum.

Jennifer Williams:

- Thanked the City Council for all their efforts to support the library.

Chris Tyree:

- Commented regarding the Museum contract.

Joseph Parreira:

- Spoke favorably on the Palmer Family Park project.

Eric Anderson:

- Expressed concerns about City sales tax collected from citizens that live outside City limits.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented on the continuation of audio quality enhancements.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 23-009:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Supporting and Encouraging a Strategic Alaska Food Reserve

This item was removed from the agenda with concurrence of the Council.

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

1. **Action Memorandum No. 23-017:** Approving a Council Community Grant to Who Let the Girls Out in the Staff Recommended Amount of \$1,500

Main Motion: **Action Memorandum No. 23-017:** Approving a Council Community Grant to Who Let the Girls Out in the Staff Recommended Amount of \$1,500

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

1. 2. **Action Memorandum No. 23-018:** Approving a Council Community Grant to Palmer Family Park in the Staff Recommended Amount of \$1,500

Main Motion: Action Memorandum No. 23-018 Approving a Council Community Grant to Palmer Family Park in the Staff Recommended Amount of \$1,500

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

There were no items.

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Commented regarding the Palmer Museum.

Cindy Hudgins:

- Commented on sales tax.
- Expressed concerns with the Museum.

Eric Anderson:

- Voiced concerns regarding the influence of social media in the community.

Ron Huckstep:

- Commented on the Palmer community.

N. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Carrington:

- Commented on the collection of sales tax in the greater Palmer area and asked that the Manager provide a report during a future meeting.

Council Member Melin:

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this evening.
- Congratulations to Joseph Parreira for his grant approval.
- Requested an update the Public Works Director on upcoming summer maintenance projects. Council Member Best offered support.

Council Member Anzilotti:

- Attended the Our House Breakfast.
- Congratulated new Police Officer Virginia Calvert.
- Will be absent for the April 11th Council meeting.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Appreciates everyone that participates in the meetings.

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked Chief Shelton for his attendance at the Chamber Meeting.
- Spoke in favor of an electronic vehicle charging station.

Council Member Ojala:

- Congratulated Joseph Parreira on his grant approval.
- Congratulations to Chief Shelton on his new officer.
- Thanked the public for coming to the meeting and voicing their opinions.

Council Member Best:

- Commented on the EV grant.
- Mentioned Chief Shelton's professionalism when swearing in new officers.
- Thanked all Palmer Police Officers.

Mayor Carrington called for a recess at 7:06 pm, and the meeting reconvened at 7:15 pm.

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

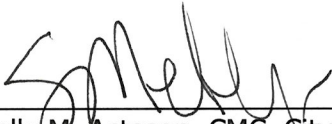
Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Which Would Clearly Have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the Government Unit – Palmer Museum of History and Art Contracts
(Note: action may be taken following the executive session)

A motion was made by Council Member Alcantra and second by Deputy Mayor Melin to enter executive session at 7:15 pm. The Roll Call Vote was unanimous. The regular meeting was reconvened with no objections at 9:12 pm.

P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of April, 2023.



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor