

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 11, 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, Joshua Tudor, Thomas Ojala IV, John Alcantra, and Carolina Anzilotti.

Deputy Mayor Pam Melin (excused absence) and Council Member Richard W. Best (Excused, Zoom link did not work, attended the Executive Session via teleconference)

Staff in attendance:

- Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
- Holly Dubose, Deputy City Clerk
- Sarah Heath, City Attorney
- John Moosey, City Manager
- Rosalie Kelly, Airport Superintendent

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as presented**

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Unanimous Consent
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. **Proclamation Recognizing the Historical Impact of the Valley Hotel and Restaurant and Efforts of Janet Kincaid**  
Mayor Carrington presented Janet Kincaid with the proclamation recognizing the Valley Hotel and her efforts to the community.

**F. REPORTS**

1. City Manager's Report
  - New street sweeper has arrived.
  - Garden Art Faire this past weekend was well attended.
  - Jeff Curtis has been announced as the new Alaska State Fair Director.

## 2. Mayor's Report

- Written report in the packet.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5pm will be the Celebrate Palmer event.

## 3. City Clerk's Report

- Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> due to Council Members attending the Alaska Municipal League Conference.

## 4. City Attorney's Report

- MPO document in the works.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be attending via zoom.

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Ralph Gibbs:

- Commented on a verbal agreement between Angel Aviation and the prior Airport Superintendent to make required modifications to property.

Concerned Citizens Group:

- Commented on library policies and procedures.

Karen Lewis:

- Commented on books available in the public libraries.

Erik Anderson:

- Commented on the Angel Aviation verbal agreement.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Commented positively on the Art Faire and Native Health Fair this past weekend.

Mayor Carrington called for a recess at 6:30 p.m., the meeting convened at 6:39 p.m.

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Ordinance No. 23-002:** An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Qualified Voters of the City of Palmer at the General Election on October 3, 2023, the Question of the Issuance of Not to Exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) of General Obligation Bonds of the City of Palmer to Pay the Costs of Capital Improvements to the Palmer Public Library and Related Matters

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented regarding the amount of the bond.

Seeing no one else come forward, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

Council members discussed the amount of the bond.

**Main Motion: To Approve Ordinance No. 23-002**

Moved by:	Tudor
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	4 Yes / 1 No (Alcantra)
Action:	Motion Carried

**Primary #1: To Amend Ordinance No. 23-002 to "Not to Exceed Eight Million Dollars"**

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	No second
Vote:	N/A
Action:	Failed due to lack of a second

- Resolution No. 23-022:** Accepting and Appropriating the FY2023 State of Alaska High Visibility Enforcement DUI Events Grant 405d FA in the Amount of \$15,680 to be used for DUI Enforcement Activities by the Palmer Police Department

Police Chief Shelton provided a staff report and responded to council questions.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing.

Seeing no one come forward, Mayor Carrington closed the public hearing.

**Main Motion: To Approve Resolution No. 23-022**

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Ojala IV
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

- Action Memorandum No. 23-024:** Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for a Five-Year Contract for a Student Resource Officer Services at Colony High School and Colony Middle School

Manager Moosey provided a staff report.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-024**

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

- Action Memorandum No. 23-040:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Insurance Coverage for the Period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, per the Premium Quote Submitted by the City's Insurance Broker, Combs Insurance

Mike Combs, Insurance Broker, responded to council inquires.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-040**

Moved by:	Tudor
Seconded by:	Ojala IV
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

- 3. Action Memorandum No. 23-041:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a New Lease Agreement with Blue River Aviation, LLC on Palmer Municipal Airport Lot 25A, Block 3 for the Purposes of Maintaining a Flight School Operation, to Include an Office building, Aircraft Hanger, and Tie-downs

Rosalie Kelly, Airport Superintendent provided a staff report and responded to Council questions. City Attorney Heath also responded to questions.

**Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 23-041**

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

**Primary #1 To Postpone Action Memorandum No. 23-041, until the July 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.**

Moved by:	Alcantra
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	3 Yes / 2 No (Carrington & Ojala IV)
Action:	Motion Failed

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Handout from Attorney Heath in reference to AM 23-041, document from Jackie Goforth, document from Chris Tyree.

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Chris Tyree:

- Commented on public library books.

Tom Roberson:

- Thanked the Police Chief and staff for their deliverance of a jacket to a homeless resident.

Jackie Goforth:

- Continuation of library policies and procedures.

Erik Anderson:

- Thanked Tom Roberson for his recognition of the Police Chief and Officers.
- Commented in support of the City’s decision towards AM 23-041.

**N. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Subjects That Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of Any Person – City Attorney Evaluation (Note: Action may be taken by the Council following the Executive Session)**

A **MOTION** was made at 7:54 p.m. by Council Member Alcantra, seconded by Council Member Anzilotti to enter into Executive Session. The **VOTE** was unanimous. Council Member Best joined via phone for Executive Session.

The Council exited the Executive Session at 9:08 p.m. Council Member Alcantra **MOVED** to extend the Attorney's contract until December 31, 2024, and a pay increase of \$5 per hour, as written in the contract. Seconded by Mayor Carrington. The **VOTE** was unanimous.

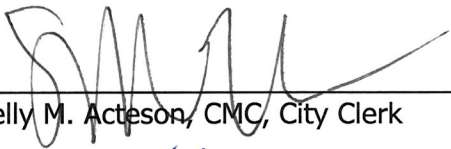
**O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comments.

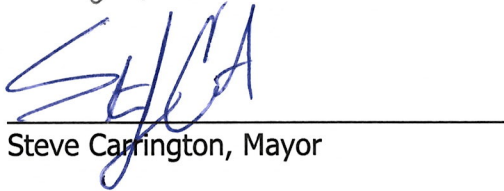
**P. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

**Approved this 25th day of July, 2023.**



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk



Steve Carrington, Mayor