

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Steve Carrington
Deputy Mayor Carolina Anzilotti
John Alcantra
Richard W. Best
Jim Cooper
Pam Melin
Joshua Tudor

Staff in attendance:

John Moosey, City Manager
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk
Benji Johnson, Deputy City Clerk
Sarah Heath, City Attorney
Dwayne Shelton, Palmer Police Chief
John Diument, Airport Superintendent

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

***Clerk's Note: Item E took place immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance was performed.
Item D took place after the break***

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - A. January 23, 2024, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as Presented

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

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Elected Officials in Attendance
2. Board/Commission Members in Attendance
3. Presentation of Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award

Mayor Carrington presented the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award to Linda Combs, for former Mayor John Combs.

Mayor Carrington called a brief recess at 6:20 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

****Clerk's Note: Agenda was approved after the break. ***

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report
 - Revamp of Title 4 will be coming to the Council shortly.
 - Spoke to potential additional funding for the building of the library.
2. Mayor's Report
 - Read updated information regarding the Palmer Library project received from Wolf Architecture
 - Reported that he was asked to be on the Southcentral Mayors Energy Coalition.
 - Spoke to Council Member Best's recent arrest and stated that no action can be taken until the conclusion of the case.
3. City Clerk's Report
 - Happy to be feeling better.
4. City Attorney's Report
 - Reported that she has been working with the Human Resources Director regarding Title 4.
 - Submitted draft of report and presentation for the February 27 meeting, therefore you should have it in advance of the meeting.
 - Gave a brief overview of what is going to be addressed on February 27.
 - There will be a Code of Ethics report at the March 12 meeting.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Travis Friesen:

- Spoke to the library project.
- Offered an alternate proposal for the proposed coffee shop space to be used as an art gallery.

Jackie Goforth:

- Expressed concerns regarding the books at the library.

Susan Pougher:

- Spoke about activities going on at the library.

Linda Swan:

- Believes the construction of the new library should be on hold until the book issues are concluded.

Heidi Deadman:

- Works at the Palmer Library
- Report that is the one-year anniversary of the roof collapse and the book challenges.
- Also spoke to perception and perspective and provided information links.

Erik Anderson:

- Spoke regarding Council Member Best's two recent DUI arrests.
- Also spoke to the seriousness of drunk driving.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 24-010:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Authorizing the City Manager to Commence Design and Environmental Work on the Lighting System at the Palmer Municipal Airport

for the Purpose of Obtaining Federal Aviation Administration Grant Funding and Appropriate \$115,086 From the Unassigned General Fund Balance for this Project.

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 24-010.

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

Manager Moosey and Superintendent Diumentti spoke to Resolution No. 24-010.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 24-010

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

- Resolution No. 24-011:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council to Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Reclassification of Palmer Fire & Rescue's Fire Training Officer to Level 10 in the City of Palmer's Employee Pay Plan

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 24-011.

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

Chief Cameron gave a staff report regarding this Resolution and Resolution Numbers 24-012, 24-013, and 24-014.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 24-011

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

- Resolution No. 24-012:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council to Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Retitling of Palmer Fire & Rescue's Permanent, Part-Time Support Specialist to Communications Specialist and Reclassification to Level 6 in the City of Palmer's Employee Pay Plan

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 24-012.

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

Manager Moosey spoke to resolution.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 24-012

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

- Resolution No. 24-013:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Approving the Reclassification of Palmer Fire & Rescue's Fire Prevention Officer to Level 10 in the City of Palmer's Employee Pay Plan

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 24-013.

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

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 24-013

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

5. **Resolution No. 24-014:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council to Donate Palmer Fire & Rescue's 1973 Seagrave Fire Engine to the Palmer Volunteer Firemen's Association

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 24-014.

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

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 24-014

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

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Document from Manager Moosey
Documents from Jackie Goforth

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Travis Friesen:

- Stressed the idea of the art gallery in the library.
- Would like the outside design of the new library to change, it is too modern.

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke to concerns regarding books in the young adult section of the library.

Linda Swan:

- Expressed her concern about the books at the library.

Eric Anderson:

- Spoke to alleged DUI for Council Member Best and feels that there must have been evidence for the Officer to make an arrest.
- He also stated that Council Member Best should receive a public reprimand.
- Glad that the Mayor is going to symposium regarding natural gas and spoke to natural gas use in Alaska.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Suggested stop signs on the left and right, across the railroad tracks (N. Valley Way), be removed, or illuminate the signs.

Heidi Deadman:

- Pointed to the parent resources page on the library website to assist parents regarding electronic devices and encouraged everyone to check it out.

Susan Pougher:

- Looking forward to hearing from the City Attorney regarding libraries and the law.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Anzilotti:

- Reminder that she will not be attending the February 27 meeting, sad to miss the attorney's report regarding the library books.

Council Member Melin:

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Thanked Chief Cameron for his transparency regarding the employee pay plan.
- Spoke regarding the feedback she has received about the library design.
- Expressed some concern with receiving grants from certain grantors.

Council Member Tudor:

- Gave kudos to Wolf Architecture regarding the library design.
- Feels there is a need to look at the design again, with a more fiscally responsible perspective.
- Asked for Council support to look at it again with a smaller footprint, Melin provided support.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Recently became a grandfather.
- Noted his friend Tom Anderson recently passed away and expounded on his positive attributes.
- Expressed support for his former neighbor Council Member Best.

Council Member Cooper:

- Spoke in favor of the Golden Heart Lifetime Achievement Award awarded to former Mayor John Combs.

Council Member Best:

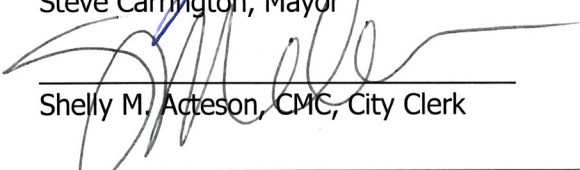
- Congratulated Deputy Mayor Anzilotti's on her upcoming wedding day.
- Congratulated Council Member Alcantra on becoming a grandfather.

P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Approved this 27th day of February 2024.



Steve Carrington, Mayor

Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk