

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on March 12, 2024, 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 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
Brad Hanson, Community Development Director
Gina Finance, Finance Director
Kimberly Green, Human Resources Manager
John Prevost, Palmer Fire Training Coordinator

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Introduction of **Ordinance No. 24-002**, Amending the Palmer Municipal Code, Title 4, to Reflect Changes in Federal and State Laws and to Include Current Employment Law Best Practices, and set the Public Hearing for March 26, 2024
 - B. **Action Memorandum No. 24-011**: Authorizing the City Manager to spend \$60,000 in Pass Through Funds from the COSSAP Grant that was Approved by Council on December 12, 2022
 - C. **Action Memorandum No. 24-014**: Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase an Exmark Lazer Z Lawn Mower from Alaska Electric & Control Inc. DBA Jewell Equipment in an Amount Not to Exceed \$21,720.28
 - D. **Action Memorandum No. 24-015**: Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Professional Service Contract for Structural Evaluation for the Repair of the Palmer Public Library with Wolf Architecture Not to Exceed \$21,416
Council Member Cooper requested to move Action Memorandum No. 24-015 from the Consent Agenda to New Business (item no. D.1.D to item K.1., there were no objections)
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
February 27, 2024, Regular Meeting

Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as amended

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

****Clerk's note: Agenda Item O, Council Member Comments, took place after agenda item H due to Council going into Committee of the Whole, Item N.*

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Elected Officials in Attendance- None
2. Board/Commission Members in Attendance -None
3. Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) presentation by James Savage
Commander LaCroix, Melissa Toffolon, and James Savage gave an overview of the Mobile Crisis Team

F. REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report
 - Will be coming forward with information regarding working with a grant writer for a new Public Safety Building.
 - Submitting applications for some future federal funding.
 - In process to get a grant for pass through money from the Federal Government through the State for cybersecurity evaluation.
2. Mayor's Report
 - Written report in packet.
 - Noted the conflict of interest issue coming up later in the meeting.
3. City Clerk's Report
 - Written report in packet.
4. City Attorney's Report
 - No report currently.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sherman Leifer:

- Appearing on behalf of the Palmer Chamber Commerce.
- Read a written statement regarding possible changes to the Friday Fling event.

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke to the books in libraries.
- Objected to the article in the Anchorage Daily News covering the attorney's recent presentation.

Karen Lewis:

- Spoke pending legislation in other States regarding library books.
- Would like to see legislation in Alaska.

Linda Spawn:

- Spoke to her concerns regarding definitions and books at the library.
- Spoke about addictions relating to the books.

Maria Krinock:

- Commented on zoning challenges concerning her recently purchased home in Palmer.

Mike Spawn:

- Appreciate the Council hearing the comments.
- Expressed concerns with the books in the library.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Spoke about the Arctic Winter Games.
- Encourage everyone to attend the Games.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Resolution No. 23-005-B:** A Resolution of the Palmer City Council Amending the City of Palmer Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2023

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 23-005-B.

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

Manager Moosey addressed the Council.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 23-005-B

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

2. **Resolution No. 24-016:** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Create a New Position of an On-Call Evidence and Records Custodian at the Palmer Police Department

Mayor Carrington opened the public hearing on Resolution No. 24-016.

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

Dwayne Shelton, Palmer Police Chief, addressed the Council.

Main Motion: To Adopt Resolution No. 24-016

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

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Mayor Carrington called a brief recess at 7:09 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m. (After Council Member Comments, Agenda Item O.)

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

1. **Action Memorandum No. 24-010:** Approving a Council Community Grant to the 49th State Street Rodders in the Amount of \$1,500 for Their Valley Chrome and Wheel Car Show

Brad Hanson, Community Development Director, provided a staff report.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 24-010

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

2. **Action Memorandum No. 24-012:** Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase a Vehicle Lift System for Fire Apparatus from Mohawk Lifts Utilizing Insurance Reimbursement Funding from the Flood event at the Fire Department Shop Building

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 24-012

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

3. **Action Memorandum No. 24-013:** Authorizing the City Manager to Approve High Performance Team Training for Palmer Fire and Rescue in an Amount Not to Exceed \$16,832

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 24-013

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

4. **Action Memorandum No. 24-016:** Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Three-Year Contract with the Palmer Museum of History and Art for the Custodial Care and Curation of the City of Palmer's Museum Artifacts in the Amount of \$55,400 to Reflect 2024 Payment

Attorney Sarah Heath addressed the Council, and noted she had some minor amendments to the contract.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 24-016

Moved by:	Cooper
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	Postponed until the 3.26 meeting
Action:	Postponed

Main Motion: To Postpone Action Memorandum No. 24-016 to the March 26, 2024, Palmer City Council Meeting

Moved by:	Best
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	6/1 (Cooper)
Action:	Motion Carried

Motion to Amend: To Authorize the Manager to Make the First Payment of 2024 to the Palmer Museum of History and Art

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

- Action Memorandum No. 24-015:** Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Professional Service Contract for Structural Evaluation for the Repair of the Palmer Public Library with Wolf Architecture Not to Exceed \$21,416

Manager Moosey gave a staff report.

Brad Hanson, Community Development Director, addressed Council.

Main Motion: To Approve Action Memorandum No. 24-015

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

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Local Mobile Crisis Team Documents
Memo from Council Member Alcantra

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke to cases referenced in Attorney's Presentation at the last Council meeting.
- Spoke to community standards regarding library books.

Linda Spawn:

- Would like the Council to make a Resolution to remove the books from the library.

Karen Lewis:

- Spoke to the language in the Miller-Ginsberg test.

Mary Ravetta:

- Spoke to concerns regarding the books in the library.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Spoke to the recent Iditarod win by Dallas Seavey.

N. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Discussion Regarding City Manager Recruitment (Note: Action may be taken following Committee of the Whole)

Council Member Alcantra stated on the record that he has a conflict of interest due to his application for the Palmer City Manager position. Mayor Carrington ruled that the conflict exists, and Council Member

Alcantra departed the premises.

Main Motion: To Enter into Committee of the Whole

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

Mayor Carrington invited Human Resource Manager, Kimberly Green to participate in the Committee of the Whole regarding City Manager recruitment.

Mayor Carrington called a brief recess at 8:09 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Main Motion: To Exit Committee of the Whole at 8:45 p.m.

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

Main Motion: To interview the following applicants based on prior city management experience:
Susana Stinnett
Patrick Marsh
Kolby Hickel
Kim Zimmerman
Randy Robertson

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

O. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS (*Took place after Item H. Audience Participation and before Item I. Action Memoranda*)

Council Member Tudor:

- Thanked True North Recovery for attending.
- Shout out to the Arctic Winter Games volunteers, also encouraged people to attend.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked the Mayor for moving Council Comments, since he will be leaving early.
- Thanked True North Recovery and Mr. Savage for their presentation.
- Spoke of the Arctic Winter Games, he attended the opening ceremonies and was glad he attended.
- Also encourage people to attend the events.

Council Member Cooper:

- Also attended the Arctic Winter Games opening ceremonies.
- Thanked the City Manager for the pins, everyone loves the moose on them.

Council Member Best:

- Spoke to the Arctic Winter Games, also attended the opening ceremony.
- Enjoyed watching futsal at Palmer High School, which is like indoor soccer, and encouraged the Alaska Sports Association to look at making it a sport in our State.
- Thanked the volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Anzilotti:

- Expressed that she has enjoyed making coffee for the attendees and heard their excitement about being in Palmer.

Council Member Melin:

- Spoke to the Arctic Winter Games and that it is nice to see the excitement around town, fun to see it happening in the community.
- Also encourage people to attend events.
- Appreciated the crisis mobile team for coming out, it is not an easy job to have.
- Conveyed that she would like some more information regarding the short-term rental issue, an equitable relief matter that was brought up in audience participation. Manager Moosey stated he would discuss the issue with her after the meeting.

Mayor Carrington:

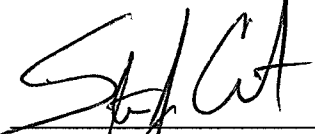
- Based on the City Attorney's last presentation, she will be writing a letter to the Attorney General asking for clarification, and to work on State legislation.

****Clerk's Note: Item I. Action Memoranda took place after Item O. Council Member Comments.*

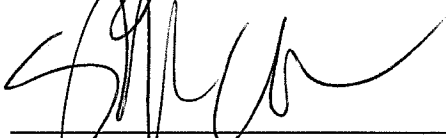
P. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of March 2024.



Steve Carrington, Mayor



Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk