



## **AGENDA**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- F. ELECTION CERTIFICATION**
- G. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**
- H. ADMINISTRATION OF NEWLEY ELECTED OFFICIAL'S OATH OF OFFICES**
- I. ORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**
  - 1. Election of Deputy Mayor
  - 2. Election of Alternate Deputy Mayor
- J. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**
- K. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**
- L. ADJOURNMENT**



**Palmer Municipal Code 2.05.060  
Deputy Mayor (Selection Process)**

**2.05.060 Deputy mayor.**

- A. At the first meeting following the regular city election, council shall elect from its membership a deputy mayor and an alternate deputy mayor to serve in the absence of the mayor.
- B. Deputy Mayor Election Process. The deputy mayor election process shall be as follows:
  - 1. Nominations. The mayor shall open nominations for deputy mayor and shall continue taking nominations until all nominations have been made.
  - 2. Voting Process.
    - a. After the nominations have closed, the mayor will, in alphabetical order by last name, bring each individual nominee's name to the floor for a vote;
    - b. The nominee obtaining four votes of the council shall be declared the winner of the election.
- C. Alternate Deputy Mayor Election Process. Following election of the deputy mayor, the council shall elect, using the same process as used for the deputy mayor election, the alternate deputy mayor.
- D. The deputy mayor shall succeed to the office of mayor when a vacancy occurs in that office and shall have and exercise the powers and duties of the mayor when the mayor is absent or unable to perform the duties of office.
  - 1. When a doubt exists concerning the ability of the mayor to perform the duties of office, the council shall, by resolution, determine whether the deputy mayor shall act in the place of the mayor.
  - 2. The determination shall stand until the council determines that the disability or inability ceases.
- E. The alternate deputy mayor shall succeed to deputy mayor when the deputy mayor is unavailable or there is a deputy mayor vacancy. (Ord. 14-003 § 3, 2014; Ord. 10-020 § 3, 2010; Ord. 10-006 § 3, 2010; Ord. 648 § 4, 2005)

## Norma Alley

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**From:** Meggie aube-trammell <meggieaube@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** Norma Alley  
**Subject:** 10/12 council meeting

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Hi Norma,

I would like to have this email read for public record at this evening's city council meeting. Thank you! Hope all is well!

Dear Mayor DeVries and Palmer Council Members,

I would like to thank long time Council Member Linda Combs for her service to our city. She has served her community tirelessly and we are grateful for all of her time and commitment to Palmer.

I want to congratulate newly elected council member Sabrena Combs and Brian Daniels. I am excited for Council member Combs to have the opportunity to serve her second term on the council. She has proven to be a valuable asset to our community and I am very appreciative of everything she has done so far. I am very ecstatic to see a new face on the city council. I have been fortunate to have several conversations with Council member Daniels. He has a lot of passion and ideas for our town. He grew up in this community and he is now giving back through public service. Council members Combs and Daniels will help our great city as it continues to grow and evolve. I have such hope for the future of my town!

Thank you to the mayor and all city council members to your continued work to the betterment of Palmer!

Meggie Aube, Palmer resident

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## Norma Alley

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**From:** Janel Gagnon <janelgagnon2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Norma Alley  
**Subject:** RE: Tonight's swearing in of newly elected officials

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To the Mayor DeVries and Palmer City Council officials,

I wish to submit my appreciation to outgoing Deputy Mayor and Palmer City Council member, Linda Combs, for her many years of service to the City of Palmer and the state of Alaska. I anticipate many continued years of service in multiple other realms from Ms. Combs.

To recently re-elected Council member, Sabrena Combs, and the newest member of the Palmer City Council, Brian Daniels, many, many congratulations! It was a pleasure to support both campaigns even if I could not vote in the election. My family is affected by the results of the Palmer elections because we live, recreate, shop, and support the City of Palmer through community endeavors and look forward to many more years of doing so.

I love the quote, "Leaders do not create followers, they create new leaders." Everyone sitting on the council currently and moving forward are leaders and I urge all of you, as you govern for Palmer and as you make your way through the years ahead as citizens, that you consider always that our young people who are currently ineligible to vote will sooner than we all realize become eligible voters and they are looking to you and to other recognized leaders to demonstrate healthy democracy, founded on respect for all people. I urge you all to encourage new leadership, not to seek followers, and create the space necessary during city council meetings and otherwise for all people to feel safe approaching their leaders and expressing their concerns and ideas.

With respect and gratitude for your service to the wonderful City of Palmer,

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## Norma Alley

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**From:** Amy Smith <smith.amyrose@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Norma Alley  
**Subject:** Letter for City Council - 10/12

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Ms. Alley,

If it is not too late, I would like the following letter to be read tonight at the swearing-in of new and returning city council members, Brian Daniels and Sabrena Combs:

To Mayor DeVries and the Palmer City Council members,

I write to you today, as a relatively new resident of Palmer. Having purchased a home within the city less than a year ago, I am still reveling in the many aspects of this small town that attracted me here in the first place. On top of that, I am delighted to have the opportunity to be an active part of this beautiful community by supporting candidates I believe in.

I would like to give my most enthusiastic congratulations to returning councilwoman, Sabrena Combs, and first-time councilman, Brian Daniels! I am elated at your success and I look forward to seeing how Palmer will develop and thrive under your added leadership. John Maxwell said, "Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others." Already, through supporting their campaigns, I have felt empowered. I have felt unity. I have felt that I can make my voice heard. I can assist in shaping Palmer to be even more compassionate, more loving, more accepting than it is already. As change is inevitable, I want to help usher in an increase of positive change to this amazing community. Every interaction I have with councilmembers Combs and Daniels adds to my confidence that their guidance and leadership will allow myself, and all Palmer citizens, to do just that.

I also extend my gratitude to former city council member, Linda Combs, for her hard work and dedication to this town. It is clear that she is committed to doing her best to support Palmer and I am certain that her efforts will continue beyond this position.

Again, congratulations to Brian Daniels and Sabrena Combs on your new and renewed position as Palmer City Council members, and thank you to Mayor DeVries and the entire city council for your time and attention.

Be well,

Amy Smith

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## Norma Alley

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**From:** Terry Snyder <terry@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** Norma Alley  
**Subject:** Public testimony

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Hi Norma,

If it isn't too late can you read the following statement into the record for tonight's special meeting?

Due to ongoing safety concerns during COVID I won't be able to be there in person to testify tonight's for the election certification thus I am asking this be read into the record on my behalf.

I would like to first thank the clerk's office, poll workers and members of the canvas board for their diligence in making sure Palmer had a fair and smooth local election that was well advertised and communicated to the public. During normal times this is a big lift and this year a whole new level of lift. Elections are perhaps the most important piece of what a functional government does and their good work and dedication is appreciated.

Congratulation to newly elected council member Brian Daniels. I look forward to his fresh eyes, positive and kind collaborative manner on the council. His small business experience as a worker and current owner in hospitality will be valuable. Congratulation also to Sabrena Combs on earning the voters support in being re-elected. Ms. Combs experience on the council and her strong community and Municipal League involvement will provide a continued benefit to our city.

A small but tangible increase in voter turnout is the biggest win for Palmer! Supporting passage of four ballot measures in these challenging times speaks well of the motivation for a better city for all ages.

Thank you for your service,

Terry Snyder  
Palmer

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