

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 12, 2010 at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Brad Hanson	Richard Best
Kevin Brown	DeLena Johnson
Kathrine Vanover	Edna DeVries

The following council member was absent and excused by the council:

Ken Erbey

Also in attendance were the following:

Doug Griffin, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk
Shelly Acteson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member DeVries.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Resolution No. 10-061: Accepting and Appropriating American Library Association's Picturing America Programming Grant in the Amount of \$2,000 and Approving the Scope of Work and Budget for the Grant (IM 10-084)
 - b. Resolution No. 10-062: Accepting and Appropriating the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Program and the Matching funds from the Friends of the Palmer Library in the Amount of \$3,100 and Approving the Scope of Work and Budget for the Grant (IM 10-085)
 - c. Resolution No. 10-063: Accepting and Appropriating the Department of Education & Early Development Continuing Education Grant for Candace Kopperud in the Amount of \$1,000 and Approving the Scope of Work and Budget for the Grant (IM 10-086)
 - d. Action Memorandum 10-071: Confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Michael Kircher to the City of Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. September 28, 2010, Special Meeting
 - b. September 28, 2010, Regular Meeting

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

George Collum, Manager – Palmer Golf Course:

- provided Council with an end-of-season report; and
- responded to Council inquiries.

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Doug Griffin reported on the following items:

- Meeting with Senator Menard;
- Board of Economic Development meeting and upcoming forum meeting;
- 2011 City budget; and
- Palmer Airport Manager update.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- Alaska Municipal League (AML) Board meeting in Anchorage;
- AML Local Government Conference in November; and
- Special City Council meeting October 19, 6 pm

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor Johnson reported on the following items:

- stated she had been Mayor for 24 hours.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 10-070: Authorize the City Manager to Award and Execute a Contract for Road Salt to Bering Marine Corporation in the amount of \$19,290

MOVED BY:	Best	To authorize Action Memorandum 10-070
SECONDED BY:	Hanson	

A staff report was provided by Public Works Director Carter Cole.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote				
Yes:			No:	
Hanson	Brown	Johnson		
Best	Vanover	DeVries		

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 - Resolution No. 10-066: Amending the January 1, 2009, Pay Plan to Reflect Wage Adjustments Arising from Public Works Activities (IM 10-089)

MOVED BY:	Best	To adopt Resolution No. 10-066
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

A staff report was provided by City Manager Griffin.

Director of Administration Kelli Veech responded to Council inquiries.

Mayor Johnson:

- questioned the fiscal impact of the legislation; and
- requested clarification.

Council Member DeVries:

- questioned the timeframe in the legislation.

Council Member Vanover:

- clarified the general purpose of the housekeeping legislation.

Council Member Best:

- inquired of the legal ramifications of the legislation;
- noted the legislation did not set a precedence; and
- questioned if the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) issue had been rectified.

Council Member Brown:

- described the legislation in "layman's terms".

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by 5 to 1 voice vote				
Yes:			No:	
Hanson	Brown	DeVries	Best	
Johnson	Vanover			

Item 2 - City Manager's Monthly Report Concerning Public Construction Projects

Director Cole provided an overview of the written report.

Council Member Best:

- requested clarification of Phase I, including the parking and kitchen renovations.

Deputy City Manager Sara Jansen responded to Council questions.

Mayor Johnson:

- questioned the parking plan for the Arena.

Council Member Hanson:

- questioned the parking spaces requirement calculation for the Arena; and
- requested additional financial documentation. Council Member Best offered support.

MOVED BY:	Johnson	To request City Staff provide City Council with a revise budget for phase I, including any amendments with phase I, and additional actual costs associated with phase I
SECONDED BY:	DeVries	

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:		To the main motion by adding "also be brought up-to-date on phase II, including the parking plan and how far along the project was and estimated completion date
Seconded by:	Vanover	

Vote on primary amendment #1: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Hanson	Brown	Vanover
Johnson	Best	DeVries

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by 5 to 1 voice vote				
Yes:			No:	
Hanson	Brown	DeVries	Best	
Johnson	Vanover			

Council Member DeVries:

- questioned the adequacy of the parking areas.

Deputy City Manager Sara Jansen:

- offered clarification concerning the document schematic.

Acting Community Services Director Beth Skow:

- responded to inquiries regarding the Visitor Information Center door replacement project.

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Palmer Golf Course End-of-Season Report

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hanson:

- requested an update from the City Manager concerning City Airport issues. Council Member Best offered support for the request.

Council Member Brown:

- updated Council concerning the Board of Economic Development (BED) sub-committees.

Council Member Vanover:

- commented favorably on Mayor Johnson's first meeting; and
- urged Council to attend the Sister City celebration on October 14.

Council Member Best:

- commented favorably on relinquishing the BED sub-committees; and
- suggested researching different methods of engaging the public.

Mayor Johnson:

- expounded on local Alaska Teacher of the Year candidates.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Approved this twenty-sixth day of October, 2010.

DeLena M. Goodwin Johnson, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk