

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 22, 2010 at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Mike Chmielewski	Richard Best
Kevin Brown	Ken Erbey
Kathrine Vanover	John Combs – departed at 7:28 pm

The following council members were absent and excused by the council:

Brad Hanson

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Shelly Acteson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Best.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. June 8, 2010, Special Meeting
 - b. June 8, 2010, Regular Meeting

E. COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

George Carte, Sister School and Sister City Programs Coordinator:

- discussed recent happenings within the Programs.

Several Palmer Junior Middle School students shared experiences from their recent trip to Saroma, Japan.

F. REPORTS

Item 1 – City Manager’s Report

City Manager Bill Allen reported on the following items:

- Reception for incoming Alaska Pacific University President (APU) Dr. Don Bantz;
- Mat-Su Health Foundation (MSHF) Board Meeting; and
- MSHF Grant for Olympian Kerry Weiland Training Camps.

Item 2 – City Clerk’s Report

Deputy City Clerk Shelly Acteson reported on the following items:

- July 6 Special Meeting.

Item 3 – Mayor’s Report

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- 75th anniversary plaque commemorating the original Palmer colonists;
- Colony Days events;
- Meeting with Alaska Railroad Representatives Bill O’Leary and Bruce Carr; and
- 2010 Palmer Pride Picnic Beautiful Home Award nominations.

Mayor Combs departed and Mayor Pro Tempore Richard Best presided over the remainder of the meeting with the exception of Resolution No. 10-039.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 10-031: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Contract with Cat’s Eye Excavation for the 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Sidewalk Bid in the Amount of \$37,285.97

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To authorize Action Memorandum 10-031
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Chmielewski	Vanover	Erbey	
Best	Brown		

Item 2 – Action Memorandum 10-038: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a One Year Contract for Dispatch Services with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough with Two One Year Extensions

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To authorize Action Memorandum 10-038
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Chmielewski Best	Vanover Brown	Erbey	

Item 3 – Action Memorandum 10-039: Authorize the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with the Matanuska Susitna Borough to Provide Fire Emergency Response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To authorize Action Memorandum 10-039
SECONDED BY:	Brown	

Public Safety Director Jon Owen provided a staff report.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Chmielewski Best	Vanover Brown	Erbey	

Item 4 –Action Memorandum 10-040: Authorize the City Manager to Enter into and Execute a Contract with the Matanuska Susitna Borough to Provide Rescue Response to the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To authorize Action Memorandum 10-040
SECONDED BY:	Brown	

Public Safety Director Jon Owen provided a staff report.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Chmielewski Best	Vanover Brown	Erbey	

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 10-025: Authorizing the Relinquishment of an Easement on Parcel 18N02E32B010 in Conjunction with the Arctic Avenue and Transmission Main Water System Improvements Project

Public Works Grants/Contracts Coordinator Toni Bloemer provided a staff report and fielded questions from the Council.

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt Resolution No. 10-025
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Chmielewski	To amend by adding the adoption of Resolution No. 10-027 and Resolution No. 10-028 to the main motion.
Seconded by:	Erbey	

Vote on primary amendment #1: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Erbey	Brown	
Vanover	Chmielewski	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Chmielewski	Vanover	
Best	Brown	

Item 2 – Resolution No. 10-027: Authorizing the Relinquishment of an Easement on Parcel 18N02E32B009 in Conjunction with the Arctic Avenue and Transmission Main Water System Improvements Project

See the motion above.

Item 3 - Resolution No. 10-028: Authorizing the Relinquishment of an Easement on Parcel 18N02E32B007 in Conjunction with the Arctic Avenue and Transmission Main Water System Improvements Project

See the motion above.

Item 4 – Resolution No. 10-039: Approving a Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,230 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the Clerk/Council Operating Budget for Council Member Best’s Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) Contribution (

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt Resolution No. 10-039
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Mayor Pro Tempore Best requested recusal. There were no objections.

Council Member Brown presided during this portion of the meeting.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Chmielewski	Vanover	
Brown		

Mayor Pro Tempore Best presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Item 5 - Resolution No. 10-040: Authorizing, Under the Provisions of Palmer Municipal Code 3.20.080 I., the Sale of 0.925 Acre of the Southern Portion of Parcel 18N02E31A005 in the Amount of \$20,200 to the Matanuska Susitna Borough for the Bogard Road Extension Right Of Way

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt Resolution No. 10-040
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Chmielewski	Vanover	Erbey	
Best	Brown		

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

2010 Palmer Pride Picnic Beautiful Home Award document

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Vanover:

- inquired of gifts for Sister City Program excursion; and
- proposed a City beautification project near road culverts.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- commented favorably on the Alaska Pacific University reception;
- described the benefits and nuances provided by the Sister City Program with Saroma, Japan; and
- spoke in favor of providing guidance and direction for the Special Meeting presenters.

City Manager Bill Allen:

- commented on the Administration’s need for Resource and Development funds in the budget for preliminary project information;
- discussed the importance of a critical path schedule for upcoming projects;
- remarked on the rumor that the Borough would like to move their offices to a different location; and
- requested payment of \$10,000 to Wolf Architecture.

Council Member Vanover requested legislation to pay Mr. Wolf. Council Member Erbey offered support toward the request.

Council Member Best:

- commented favorably on Colony Days and the Parade.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Approved this thirteenth day of July, 2010.

John C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk