

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 19, 2010, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Kathrine Vanover
Mike Chmielewski

Kevin Brown
Ken Erbey

Richard Best
John Combs

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

Brad Hanson

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Chmielewski.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Delena Johnson:

- commented on Palmer Municipal Code 15.04.045;
- expanded on projects in the amount of \$50,000 and the potential impact the project could have on the community; and
- requested a smaller dollar amount be considered to require a public hearing.

Lorie Koppenburg:

- commented on Palmer Municipal Code 15.04.045; and
- spoke of a reasonable dollar limit for a required public hearing.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 - Resolution No. 10-007: Accepting and Appropriating the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Grant Award in the Amount of \$14,000 and Authorizing the City Manager to Expend the Funds on the Preliminary Plans for the Corrections and Public Safety Officers Housing

Project and to Collaborate with the Department of Corrections on a Long Range Facilities Plan in Palmer (IM 10-007)

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt Resolution No. 10-007
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Special Assistant Sara Jansen:

- stated the legislation addressed a grant applied for in May 2009;
- commented on the difficulty of fully utilizing the Palmer State Office building;
- announced Department of Corrections was in the process of examining facilities throughout the State;
- spoke of a master plan for the Palmer facility; and
- expanded on the upcoming memorandum of agreement with the Department of Transportation.

City Manager Bill Allen:

- spoke of the reliable economics generated by the facility;
- stated the City missed the target concerning the prison location;
- expanded on the opportunity to provide a training facility; and
- announced the City had been working on the project for two years.

Council Member Best:

- inquired of the architectural design; and
- stated it was the State's responsibility to issue a request for proposals.

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

Item 2 - Palmer Municipal Code 15.04.045 (Action may be taken by the council following the committee of the whole)

a. Committee of the Whole

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To enter into a committee of the whole to discuss Palmer Municipal Code 15.04.045
SECONDED BY:	Brown	

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

MOVED BY:	Brown	For the first regular council meeting of every month, the city manager shall prepare a report of all proposed construction projects, including project title and description; the report shall also include significant changes of scope of work of previously presented projects, if any. This report shall be prepared and presented as part of the council packet and shall be posted to the city's website accordingly.
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Discussion ensued regarding the definition of significant.

Public Works Director Cole:

- expanded on the process of determining the significant nature of a project using dollars as the determining factor.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- voiced his preference of the amendment;
- stated his understanding the word significant; and
- recognized his trust in the manager's ability to bring forward changes to the council.

Council Member Brown:

- commented on the manager's judgment and execution of his job.

Council Member Erbey:

- suggested the amendment include language regarding a status update of any and all projects.

Council Member Vanover:

- spoke of the word proposed and the delineation of on-going projects.

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

MOVED BY:	Brown	Ask the City Manager to prepare a monthly report to be presented at the first council meeting of the month, a status report of all on-going construction projects
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Brown	For the first regular council meeting of every month, the city manager shall prepare a report of all on-going construction projects. This report shall be prepared and presented as part of the council packet and shall be posted to the city's website accordingly.
Seconded by:	Best	

Vote on the amendment: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Chmielewski	Erbey	Vanover	
Brown	Best	Combs	

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

The council and entered into the committee of the whole at 6:15 pm and exited at 7:11 pm.

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved this ninth day of February, 2010.

John C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, MMC, City Clerk