

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 11, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

Brad Hanson	Kathrine Vanover
Tony Pippel – <i>arrived at 6:25</i>	Steve Carrington
Ken Erbey	John Combs
Jim Cooper	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Carrington.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1 – “Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person” – City Manager Evaluation

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To enter into executive session to discuss a subject that tends to prejudice the reputation and character of any person – City Manager Evaluation
SECONDED BY:	Hanson	

VOTE ON MOTION:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Clerk’s note: The council entered into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. and exited at 7:00 p.m.

E. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Members of council introduced their guests in the audience.

F. CANVASS BOARD REPORT

Shawn Osborne gave a report from the Canvass Board and read the Canvass Board Certificate of Election.

G. ELECTION CERTIFICATION BY COUNCIL

Item 1 – Certificate of Election

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To certify the results of the October 2004 Regular Election
SECONDED BY:	Pippel	

Members of Council accepted the Canvass Board Certificate of Election and signed the Council Election Certificate.

VOTE ON MOTION:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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Item 2 – Resolution No. 1363: Certifying the Results of the October 5, 2004, Regular City Election

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To adopt resolution no. 1363
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

VOTE ON MOTION:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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H. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Persinger administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials, Council Member Kathrine Vanover, Council Member Jim Wood and Mayor John Combs.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

J. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Vanover thanked Palmer citizens for their vote and stated that serving on the council for the past three years has been a wonderful experience. She explained her experiences while previously serving on the council and stated that serving during the current term has been a pure pleasure.

Council Member Erbey thanked Mayor Cooper and stated that he hopes he can serve the City as well as Mayor Cooper. He congratulated Council Member's Vanover and Wood and Mayor Elect Combs.

Council Member Pippel congratulated Council Member's Vanover and Wood and stated that Council Member Wood ran a strong campaign and it is nice to have a fresh face on the council. He stated that he encourages all members of the public to vote. Council Member Pippel stated that the previous three years have been the best in the City of Palmer's history and that the council has decided that the City will not to be the same sleepy town. He stated that Mayor Cooper is pragmatist and realist, which are not issues of ideology but of issues of the public needs. Council Member Pippel presented Mayor Cooper with a universal gift certificate. He congratulated Mayor Elect Combs and explained that he was able to get him through geometry 35 years ago and will somehow get him through his term as Mayor.

Council Member Wood added his thanks for Mayor Cooper's years of service and stated that he thoroughly enjoyed his depth and insight with the conduct of the affairs of the City. Council Member Wood congratulated Council Member Vanover and Mayor Elect Combs. He stated that it is going to be a distinct pleasure to work with the distinguished panel of council members and looks forward to the work at hand. Council Member Wood thanked the community for their vote and stated that it is a pleasure to serve the community.

Council Member Hanson thanked all who ran for council and congratulated those who were elected. He thanked Council Member Carrington for his years of service and Mayor Cooper for his leadership. Council Member Hanson stated that he looks forward to Mayor Cooper's continued involvement.

Council Member Carrington thanked Mayor Cooper for his leadership.

Mayor Elect Combs congratulated Council Member's Vanover and Wood. He explained that someone will have to fill his chair and stated that he could not think of anyone better to fill the vacancy than Council Member Carrington. Mayor Elect Combs stated that it meant a great deal to have the audience members in attendance. He explained that he has enjoyed working with the council and city staff and expects more good times ahead.

Mayor Cooper thanked Council Member Hanson for getting him started on his journey. He explained his experiences on the Planning and Zoning Commission and stated that his first meeting as Mayor was the certification of rolls in Highland Subdivision and at the second meeting the council was placed under citizen's arrest. Mayor Cooper stated that the council has been wonderful to work with and together an enormous amount of projects have been completed. He explained that the council cares about the affairs of the City.

Mayor Elect Combs presented Mayor Cooper and Mrs. Cooper with a proclamation, proclaiming October 11, 2004, as Jim and Cheri Cooper Day. Mayor Elect Combs also presented Mayor Cooper with a plaque and Mrs. Cooper a photo album to record their journeys.

S. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 26th day of October, 2004.

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Persinger, City Clerk