

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on October 14, 2008, at 7: p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Ken Erbey	Brad Hanson arrived at 7:06 pm
Kevin Brown	Richard Best - via teleconference
John Combs	Michael Chmielewski
Kathrine Vanover – via teleconference	

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager  
Michael Gatti, City Attorney arrived at 7:18 pm  
Janette Bower, City Clerk  
Shelly Acteson, Deputy City Clerk

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Brown.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
  - a. Introduction – Ordinance No. 08-016: Amending Palmer Municipal Code, Title 4, Personnel, by Repealing Existing Language and Enacting Language Regarding Adoption of Personnel Regulations (IM 08-039)
  - b. Introduction – Ordinance No. 08-019: Amending Palmer Municipal Code, Section 2.30.120, Agenda and Agenda Packets, to Allow for City Manager Comments During a Board Of Economic Development Meeting (IM 08-040)
  - c. Action Memorandum 08-064: Confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Darrin Hamming and Mike Madar to the City of Palmer Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. September 16, 2008, Special Meeting
  - b. September 23, 2008, Special Meeting
  - c. September 23, 2008, Regular Meeting

## E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

George Collum; Palmer Municipal Golf Course Manager:

- provided highlights of the annual report.

## F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Howard Bess:

- commented favorably on the condition of the golf course; and
- presented a letter to Council.

Kendra Kaska:

- requested additions to the Lucus Street; and
- commented on driveway opportunities.

## G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

## H. BIDS

**Item 1** - Action Memorandum 08-065: Authorize City Manager to Award and Execute a Contract for Snow Hauling to Alasco Trucking in the Amount of \$68.69 per Hour for Truck and Driver

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To authorize Action Memorandum 08-065
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

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

## I. ACTION MEMORANDA

**Item 1** - Action Memorandum 08-063: Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Contract to Provide Dispatch Services for Guardian Flight, a Medical Evacuation Ground and Air Ambulance Company

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To authorize Action Memorandum 08-063
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

Jon Owen, Public Safety Director:

- explained the contract.

Douglas Green, Guardian Flight South Central Regional Manager:

- described the flight dispatch process.

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1** - Resolution No. 08-021: Establishing a Special Committee to Focus On and to Determine the Feasibility of a Community Center in the City of Palmer and Appointing Committee Members (IM 08-041)

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To adopt Resolution 08-021
SECONDED BY:	Hanson	

City Manager Bill Allen:

- explained the concept.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main		
Moved by:	Hanson	To postpone any action until the next regular meeting
Seconded by:	Brown	

Vote on Motion to Postpone carried by a unanimous roll call vote			
Yes:			No:
Brown	Combs	Best	
Chmielewski	Hanson		
Erbey	Vanover		

**L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Bill Allen reported on the following items:

- Felton Street improvements;
- Southwest Extension Water line;
- Urban Revitalization Project;
- Felton Street project;
- Public Works Director;
- Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- Palmer Senior Center grant recommendation; and
- Borough Tourism Summit.

Council Member Hanson:

- suggested a special meeting on October 28, at 6:00 pm to discuss the Urban Revitalization project. Council Member Chmielewski concurred.

## **M. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- Council Member mailbox contents.

## **N. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- 49 Star Commemorative Flag presentation;
- Lobbyist for the City;
- Mat-Su Transportation Meeting;
- Chamber Auction dinner;
- Alaska Student Government Convention; and
- Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Group.

## **O. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

- Palmer Golf Course end-of-the-year report.
- 2009 City Budget.
- Letter from Mr. Bess.

## **P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Dean Baugh, Director of Administration:

- Commented on the arrival of Sister City Soroma guests.

## **Q. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Erbey:

- requested flowers for Mr. Snodgrass' family in light of the loss of their Mother.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- expounded on the long-term implications of current Council decisions.

Council Member Hanson:

- inquired of the health of Special Assistant Sara Jansen.

Council Member Brown:

- requested procedural clarification; and
- questioned the Mayor's written report contents.

Council Member Best:

- welcomed Council Member Brown.

Council Member Vanover:

- noted her return on Sunday.

## **R. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved this twenty eighth day of October, 2008.

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk