

City Council Minutes
City of Palmer, Alaska

Special Meeting
December 23, 2004

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 23, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

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

B. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

Brad Hanson	Kathrine Vanover
Ken Erbey	John Combs
Jim Wood	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Jack Snodgrass, City Attorney

C. AMENDMENT TO UTILITY EASEMENT POLICY

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To adopt the amendments to the Utility Easement Policy and the amendment sheet for the property restoration
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

City Manager Healy explained the requested amendments to the Utility Easement Policy and highlighted the meeting held with the engineer, public works director, attorney and himself regarding the Southwest Extension Utility Project. He explained the determination made regarding property values on the Springer System and stated that the values have grown substantially. He stated that because of the determination, the value appreciation rate was raised to 2.0 times the 2004 Matanuska-Susitna Borough appraisal or \$15,000 which ever is greater. City Manager Healy explained the process of compensation for property owners whose structures are located in the easement area.

Council Member Hanson inquired of the calculation method. City Manager Healy explained the determination of values per square foot value. Discussion ensued regarding the calculations and amounts paid to the property owners.

City Manager Healy stated the preliminary cost estimates for the property easement acquisitions as \$50,000.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

E. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 11th day of January, 2005.

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Persinger, City Clerk