

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on December 9, 2008, at 7:19 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Kathrine Vanover	Kevin Brown
Richard Best	Mike Chmielewski
John Combs	

The following member was absent and excused by the council:  
Brad Hanson and Ken Erbey,

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager  
Michael Gatti, City Attorney – via teleconference  
Janette Bower, City Clerk  
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
  - a. Resolution No. 08-027: Designating Authorized Signature for Check Signing Affecting Any and All Disbursements of City Monies (IM 08-050)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - a. November 25, 2008, Regular Meeting

**E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

Carter Cole; Public Works Director:

- provided Council with an update.

Council Member Best:

- questioned the increase in snow removal cost.

**F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Item 1** - Public Hearing (2 of 2) – Resolution No. 09-001: Adopting a Budget for the City of Palmer, Alaska for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2009 and Ending December 31, 2009 and Appropriating Monies

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing for resolution no. 09-001. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council.

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt resolution no. 09-001
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Council Member Best:

- requested clarification regarding the requested amendments.

Director of Administration Dean Baugh:

- explained the proposed amendments.

Chmielewski:

- questioned the building permit fee increase.

Community Development Director Sandra Garley:

- expounded on the recommended increase.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main		
Moved by:	Chmielewski	To amend the resolution by incorporating the proposed changes
Seconded by:	Vanover	

Vote on Motion to Postpone carried by a unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Brown	Combs	
Chmielewski	Vanover	
	Best	

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

City Manager Bill Allen:

- thanked the Budget Review Committee.

Council Member Vanover:

- thanked Mr. Allen and all the Directors.

Council Member Best:

- expressed accolades to the Budget Review Committee members and City Manager Allen.

**Item 2** -Public Hearing (2 of 2) – Resolution No. 09-002: Accepting the Amended City of Palmer Employee Pay Plan (IM 08-049)

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing for Resolution No. 09-002. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council.

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt resolution no. 09-002
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Department of Administration Dean Baugh:

- explained the proposed amendments.

Mayor Combs:

- spoke in favor of the amendments.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main		
Moved by:	Chmielewski	To amend the resolution by incorporating the proposed changes
Seconded by:	Vanover	

VOTE ON PRIMARY AMENDMENT #1 Carried by a unanimous voice vote

Yes:			No:
Chmielewski	Vanover	Best	
Combs	Brown		

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice call vote

Yes:			No:
Chmielewski	Combs	Brown	
Vanover	Best		

**H. BIDS**

**I. ACTION MEMORANDA**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1** - Resolution No. 08-025: Accepting and Appropriating a Grant No. 67115 in the Amount of \$1,861,854 from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for the Steel Water Main Replacement Phase VI (IM 08-047)

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To adopt resolution no. 08-025
SECONDED BY:	Best	

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice call vote

Yes:			No:
Chmielewski	Combs	Brown	
Vanover	Best		

**Item 2** - Resolution No. 08-028: Amending Resolution No. 08-021: Establishing the Special Committee to Focus Upon and to Determine the Feasibility of a Community Center in the City of Palmer and Appointing Committee Members, by Appointing Two Additional Members to the Committee and Addressing the Number of Members which Constitute a Quorum (IM 08-051)

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To adopt resolution no. 08-28
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

Mayor Combs:

- spoke in favor of the amendment.

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

**L. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager Bill Allen reported on the following items:

- Clerk and Deputy Clerk’s assistance with tonight’s Legislative meeting;
- VIP Guest train arrival;
- Alaska Airlines Advisory Board; and
- Foraker Board.

**M. CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- Cancellation of December 16 meeting;
- Budget Review Committee;
- City website;
- Records management; and
- Shopping in Palmer.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- requested council support to cancel the December 23 regular meeting. There were no objections.

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To cancel the December 23, regular meeting
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

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

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

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- December 6 reception for new Wasilla Mayor.
- Respect and admiration for Sandra Peterson;
- Mayor's Christmas holiday spirit contest; and
- Wished everyone Merry Christmas.

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

## **P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

## **Q. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Brown:

- requested council support for a special meeting in January to discuss the job description of the Mayor. Council Member Vanover concurred;
- recommended a Citizen evaluation committee to evaluate the City's government;
- commented on the City's reliable snow removal;
- spoke in favor of the local businesses decorating for Christmas; and
- enthusiastically expounded on his homemade fruitcake.

Council Member Best:

- expressed interest in attending a Budget Review Committee meeting next year; and
- encouraged participation in Colony Christmas.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- spoke in support of a review of the Mayor's job description;
- explained his inability to attend the January 20 meeting; and
- congratulated Rindi White on her recent nuptials.

Council Member Vanover:

- commented on Colony Christmas shopping opportunities;
- wished everyone Happy Holiday; and
- encouraged remembrance of our Troops overseas.

## **R. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Approved this ninth day of January, 2009.**

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John C. Combs, Mayor

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Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk