

**City Council Minutes  
City of Palmer, Alaska**

Special Meeting  
February 27, 2004

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on February 27, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Pro-Tempore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

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

Ken Erbey	Steve Carrington – arrived at 5:03 p.m.
Tony Pippel	Brad Hanson
Kathrine Vanover	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager  
Jack Snodgrass, City Attorney  
Janette Persinger, City Clerk

**C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**D. TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT REGARDING THE CITY’S APPLICATION TO THE REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA FOR EXPANDED WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICE AREAS**

MOVED BY:	Hanson	That the Palmer City Council approves the “Stipulation Resolving Disputed Issues,” in regards to Regulatory Commission of Alaska Docket Nos. U-03-70, U-03-71, U-03-89 and U-03-90, and authorizes special counsel Robert Stoller to sign the Stipulation on behalf of the City of Palmer. Such approval shall be on the condition that the City of Wasilla authorizes Thomas Klinker to sign the Stipulation on behalf of the City of Wasilla and he so signs, and also on the condition that the Mat-Su Valley Medical Center, LLC, authorizes Ted Wellman to sign the Stipulation on behalf of the Mat-Su Valley Medical Center, LLC, and he so signs.
SECONDED BY:	Carrington	

City Manager Healy explained the documents and the division history of the utility areas. Discussion ensued regarding the contested and uncontested areas. Discussion regarding the current utility rate study and the future study required by the agreement ensued. Discussion ensued regarding the utility rate and the cost of utility services. Discussion regarding funding sources and the cost to the utility ensued.

Rich Koch, Public Works Director spoke to the utility rate issue and stated that overall he does not believe the rates will require a significant increase. Mr. Koch stated that it would be helpful to complete a cost of service analysis before the hospital opens.

Discussion ensued regarding the ability to expand the utility services to increased areas and interconnection agreements.

**M/M** by Hanson to insert the language “and authorization” between approval and shall in the second sentence.

**Seconded** by Carrington. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:	Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
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**E. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

**APPROVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.**

*Please contact the City Clerk for a signed copy.*