

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 24, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Ken Erbey	James Wood	Richard Best
Brad Hanson	Tony Pippel	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Attorney Michael Gatti.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Introduction – Ordinance No. 07-011: Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Section 18.15.023 and Amending Section 18.35.015; to Provide for Write-In Candidate Criteria, and Amending Section 18.30.020; to Further Define Building Entrances (IM 07-017)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. April 10, 2007, Regular Meeting
 - b. April 17, 2007, Special Meeting

E. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item 1 – Mayor’s Proclamation – Designating the Month of May as American Cancer Society Relay For Life Month and May 11-12, 2007, as Relay For Life Days

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel presented American Cancer Society Ambassador Care Tuk with a proclamation designating May as American Cancer Society Relay for Life Month and May 11-12, 2007, as Relay for Life Days.

F. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

1. Dean Baugh – City of Palmer Finance Director

Mr. Baugh reported on the following items:

- Software conversion process;
- Utility billing by postcards;
- 2006 Financial Audit;
- Helen Drive LID;
- PERS presentation on May 29, 2007, by Fairbanks North Star Chief Financial Officer Michael Lamb;
- Draft Budget proposal dates.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Skip Hrin, Valley Recycling Services:

- requested the City consider the Recycle Center as a choice for refuse services;
- stated that the service includes twice monthly pickup for the cost of \$14 per month;
- highlighted the sign up process and established pick-up route;
- stated that Palmer leads the way in recycling services; and
- expanded on the items which may be picked up for recycling.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Public Hearing – Resolution No. 07-004: Submitting Charter Amendment to the City’s Qualified Voters the Questions of Amending Section 2.2, Eligibility for Elective City Office, and Section 3.6, Meetings of the City Council at an Election for the City of Palmer on October 2, 2007 (IM 07-016)

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel opened the public hearing for resolution no. 07-004. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council.

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To adopt resolution no. 07-004
SECONDED BY:	Wood	

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Wood	To delete “closed or” in section 3.6 G
Seconded by:	Hanson	

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: Erbey Wood Best Hanson Pippel	No:
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VOTE ON MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: Erbey Wood Best Hanson Pippel	No:
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Item 2 – Public Hearing – Resolution No. 07-005: Supporting the Alaska Farmland Trust Corporation through Agricultural Conservation Easements (IM 07-018)

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel opened the public hearing for resolution no. 07-005. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought back before the council.

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To adopt resolution no. 07-005
SECONDED BY:	Wood	

City Manager Healy explained the statement of support for the Alaska Farmland Trust project.

Council Member Wood voiced support of the resolution and stated that any type of work to preserve agricultural land was worthy of support.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel highlighted the Trust program and participation in the program by landowners.

VOTE ON MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Erbey	Wood	Best	
Hanson	Pippel		

I. BIDS

J. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 07-034: Approve Rental Rate Increase to \$0.06 Square Foot Per Year for Palmer Municipal Airport Leases 77-1, 92-2, and 97-2

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To accept the action of action memorandum 07-034
SECONDED BY:	Best	

VOTE ON MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Erbey	Wood	Best	
Hanson	Pippel		

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

L. NEW BUSINESS

M. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Healy reported on the following item listed in his report on the table:

- Borough Library Funding;
- Summary Report of the APUIT Health Insurance;
- PERS Presentation by Michael Lamb;
- 2007 Capital Projects;
- Urban Revitalization Project;
- Bogard Road Drainage;

- Equipment Rates;
- Arctic Avenue Construction Notice;
- Felton Street Improvements;
- Chugach Street Footpath.

N. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Bower reported on the following items:

- Sidewalk and Roving Vendor Licensing;
- Travel Ordinance;
- APOC filings and an Ethics Ordinance.

O. MAYOR'S REPORT

P. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

- City Manager's Report;
- Draft 2008 Proposed Budget Development Schedule;
- *The Touchstone* Magazine.

Q. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

R. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Wood announced that on May 1 at 3 p.m. a check would be presented to the Farmland Trust Program from the Palmer Soil and Water Conservation District.

Council Member Best spoke of citizen contact regarding the City's garbage service.

Council Member Hanson thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the ballfields.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Pippel:

- thanked the Public Works Department for their placement of nets at the tennis courts;
- stated that the Public Works Department was doing a good job of cleaning the City streets and asked that striping be addressed in an earlier timeframe;
- commented on the dangerous travel conditions on the Old Glenn Highway during the timeframe of school dismissal; and
- asked that an RFP for City Manager Services be brought forward at the next council meeting (*Clerk's note: the request was supported by Council Member Hanson*).

S. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved this eighth day of May, 2007.

/s/

Anthony J. Pippel, Mayor Pro-Tempore

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk