

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on August 26, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

Tony Pippel	Ken Erbey
Kathrine Vanover	Richard Best
John Combs	Michael Chmielewski – via teleconference
Brad Hanson	

Also in attendance were the following:

City Manager Bill Allen – via teleconference
Dean Baugh, Director of Administration
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. Introduction – Ordinance No. 08-017: Repealing Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 12.04, City Park Regulations, and Enacting Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 12.20, Park and Recreational Facility Regulations (IM 08-032)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. August 12, 2008, Special Meeting
 - b. August 12, 2008, Regular Meeting

Council Member Pippel requested to amend the agenda by moving item E.1., Mimi Pippel, to the next meeting. There were no objections.

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Mr. Joseph Hawkins was not in attendance.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

H. BIDS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 - Action Memorandum 08-058: Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into a Block Grant Agreement with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To authorize Action Memorandum 08-058
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Council Member Hanson:

- expressed concern with Borough funding for the library; and
- spoke in favor of self reliance pertaining to the library and dispatch.

Community Services Director Pat Kilmain:

- explained the funding reduction;
- expanded on the Borough's resistance to fund the library;
- hesitantly verbalized one option to serve city residents only; and
- stated the Borough collects taxes area-wide for libraries and uses those funds on a non-area-wide basis.

Council Member Vanover:

- clarified the Borough's denial of owing the city any funding for people who use the library that live outside of the city.

Council Member Best:

- asked the Attorney for options;
- inquired of historical funding agreements; and
- suggested pressuring the Borough Assembly.

City Attorney Gatti:

- reminded Council that fiduciary decisions were in the hands of the Borough Assembly.

Mayor Combs:

- noted the issue had been discussed several times with no fulfillment.

Council Member Erbey:

- questioned the lack of fairness.

City Clerk Janette Bower:

- reminded Council of their previous decision not to impose a library usage fee.

Council Member Pippel:

- suggested Council step up to the plate and fund the library; and
- concurred with Council Member Hanson.

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 - Resolution No. 08-015: Establishing the City of Palmer's Capital Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2010 Funding Under the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Matching Grant Program (IM 08-033)

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To authorize Action Memorandum 08-054
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Council Member Hanson:

- requested an update at a later date from Staff on all phases of the sewer projects.

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

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

M. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- new budget schedule placed on the table by the Director of Administration.

N. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- Meet and Greet events;
- Unveiling of the new Alaska Quarter;
- Building dedication at the Experimental Farm; and
- Palmer versus Juneau baseball game.

Director of Administration Dean Baugh:

- Missing ramp from the Skateboard Park;
- Lack of debris at the Skateboard Park; and
- Two-Year budget proposal.

O. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

- 2009-2010 proposed budget development schedule.

P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Chmielewski:

- commented on Department of Administration Baugh’s exuberant hand gestures during the meeting.

Council Member Best:

- offered a \$100 reward for the return of the ramp at the skateboard park.

Mayor Combs:

- offered another \$150 reward for ramp retrieval.

Council Member Hanson:

- commented on reviewing the two year budget proposal during the next meeting; and
- requested the addition of Council review of the five year CIP projects to the budget development schedule.

Council Member Pippel:

- remarked favorably on the Palmer High School football team and Coach Hanson.

Council Member Vanover:

- mentioned she brought smoked salmon to share;
- expressed an interest in gathering more information on the training offered by the Foracker Group.

R. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Approved this ninth day of September, 2008.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk