

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 17, 2007, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Ken Erbey	Kathrine Vanover	Richard Best
John Combs	Tony Pippel	

Also in attendance were the following:

Tom Healy, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Monty Hotchkiss.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

John Leiner:

- commented on Attorney Snodgrass' retirement;
- spoke of a right-of-way easement;
- expanded on the water issues on his property and surrounding neighborhood.

Monty Hotchkiss:

- voiced opposition to the proposed annexation;
- stated concern regarding the reasonable need for city government;
- spoke of the disadvantages of being annexed into the city;
- voiced understanding of the City's need to control surrounding industry;
- commented on the surrounding agricultural land.

Dave Jenkins:

- voiced opposition to the proposed annexation;
- spoke of City services and the further imposition of services on residents in the annexation area;
- commented on the lack of due process and vote of the people;
- stated that he benefits the City by shopping in the City.

Arlene Fox:

- described the lack of notification regarding annexation;
- voiced opposition to being in the City;
- stated that any type of annexation should have been completed years ago.

Pam Bue:

- opposed the annexation;
- stated that paying City taxes on her large piece of property would be devastating;
- asked that value of farmland be addressed through the annexation process.

Tony Cox:

- asked that the informational and public hearing dates be announced regarding annexation;
- commented on garbage services;
- stated his desire to keep his burn barrel;
- asked that some of the permit requirements be lessened;
- commented on the financial burdens of annexation;
- spoke on behalf of area subdivisions.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Progress Report to Update Council on Annexation Petition (Action may be taken by the Council following the Committee of the Whole):

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To enter into the committee of the whole to receive a progress report to update the council on the annexation petition
SECONDED BY:	Best	

VOTE ON MOTION: Carried by unanimous voice vote.		
Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Vanover
Best	Combs	

The council entered into the committee of the whole at 6:20 p.m. and exited at 8 p.m.

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To exclude Equestrian Acres and Monte Vista Subdivisions from the proposed annexation
SECONDED BY:	Best	

VOTE ON MOTION: Failed by 3-1 voice vote.		
Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Best
		Combs

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To exclude from the proposed annexation the southwest corner to include Dellinger Estates, Green Valley Subdivision, Pioneer Meadows Subdivision and Crimson View Subdivision
SECONDED BY:	Best	

VOTE ON MOTION: Failed by 3-1 voice vote.		
Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Best
		Combs

MOVED BY:	Pippel	To exclude from annexation the 80 acres in the southeast corner of the proposed phase I
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

VOTE ON MOTION: Failed by 2-2 voice vote.			
	Yes:		No:
Pippel	Erbey	Combs	Best

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved this thirteenth day of February, 2007.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk