

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on January 27, 2009, at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Ken Erbey	Kevin Brown
Richard Best – via teleconference	Mike Chmielewski
John Combs	Brad Hanson

The following members were absent and excused by the council:

Kathrine Vanover

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Erbey.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. December 9, 2008, Special Meeting
 - b. January 13, 2008, Regular Meeting

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member Pete Houston:

- Spoke of the efficient nature of the city council meetings;
- Expanded on the recent Assembly retreat;
- Spoke of the need to garner input from the council regarding city concerns; and
- Commented on the evaluation of Borough space needs and possible satellite offices.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Resolution No. 09-004: Authorizing Disposal of Municipal Interests in a 20' by 349.14' Alley Easement Across a Portion of Parcel CO15 in Township 18 North Range 02 East Section 33 Located on the Southeast Corner of the Glenn Highway and Arctic Avenue (IM 09-003)

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To adopt Resolution 08-019
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Sandra Garley, Director, Department of Community Development:

- expanded on the history of the 20' easement;
- stated the City did not have a need for the property; and
- commented on the future rezoning action.

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

H. BIDS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1- Action Memorandum 09-009: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract in the Amount of \$48,000 with Al Adams Management Services for Professional Lobbyist Services

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To Authorize Action Memorandum 09-009
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

Council Member Hanson:

- inquired of the scope of work.

City Manager Allen:

- expanded on the scope of work.

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

Item 2 - Action Memorandum 09-010: Authorize a Line Item Transfer in the Amount of \$6712 from the Clerk's Salary and Benefit Line Item to the Council/Clerk Capital Improvement Program Line Item to Fund Upgrades to the Records Center and Direct the Manager to Prepare a Budget Amendment to Appropriate the Funds

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To Authorize Action Memorandum 09-010
SECONDED BY:	Erbey	

Council Member Hanson:

- inquired of the current basement configuration.

City Clerk Bower:

- expanded on the basement configuration and needed construction.

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Bill Allen reported on the following:

- Annual Foraker meeting held in Palmer;
- The economy's impact on non-profit groups;
- Economic stimulus fund;
- Division of Agriculture property; and
- Fire chief position.

M. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- City council email activation.

N. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- Economic stimulus package;
- Recent trip to Juneau; and
- Governor Palin's state of the State address.

O. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Best:

- announced he would arrive in Palmer on January 28, 2009; and
- stated he was looking forward to the Super Bowl.

Council Member Brown:

- expanded on his upcoming trip to Juneau;

- voiced his desire to spend some time with the Manager to gain further information regarding the economic stimulus package.

Council Member Hanson:

- requested the support of another council member to place the subject of action memoranda, information memoranda, ordinances, and resolutions on a future council agenda – Council Member Best offered his support.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- expanded on his upcoming trip to Juneau;
- brought greetings from Senator Murkowski in Washington D.C.; and
- spoke of the inauguration of President Obama.

R. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Approved this tenth day of February, 2009.

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor