

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on November 24, 2009 at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor John Combs called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Brad Hanson	John Combs
Richard Best	Mike Chmielewski – via WebEx
Kevin Brown	Ken Erbey
Kathrine Vanover	

Also in attendance were the following:

Bill Allen, City Manager
Michael Gatti, City Attorney
Janette Bower, City Clerk
Shelly Acteson, Deputy City Clerk

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fire Chief John McNutt.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. November 10, 2009, Special Meeting
 - b. November 10, 2009, Regular Meeting

Director Owen requested to postpone Item E. 2. to the December 8, 2009 Council Meeting. There were no objections.

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Jon Owen, Director – Department of Public Safety Concerning OSHA Issues

(This item was postponed until the December 8, 2009 Council Meeting)

F. REPORTS

Item 1 - City Manager's Report

City Manager Bill Allen reported on the following items:

- Public Safety equipment emergency;
- Economic Development and Airport Departments realignment;
- New York Times article;
- Alaska Municipal Managers Meeting;
- (AML) Alaska Municipal League Local Government Conference; and
- Happy Thanksgiving.

Item 2 - City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- (AAMC) Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks Conference

Item 3 - Mayor's Report

Mayor John Combs reported on the following items:

- AAMC banquet;
- Palmer-Wasilla Highway Eastern Terminus Project Committee meeting;
- Alaska Municipal League Conference;
- Mayor's Meeting;
- Senior Center lunch; and
- Arlie Logsdon passed away.

City Attorney Gatti:

- spoke of the peer respect for City Clerk Janette Bower.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 - Resolution No. 10-001: Adopting a Budget for the City of Palmer, Alaska for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2010 and Ending December 31, 2010 and Appropriating Monies (Public Hearing 1 of 2)

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing for Resolution No. 10-001. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council

Item 2 - Ordinance No. 09-025: Enacting Palmer Municipal Code 8.42, Fireworks, Amending Section 9.36.010 Personal Conduct in Public, Section 12.24.025, General Rules, Section 12.24.030 Use Permits, as Related the Use of Fireworks Within the City of Palmer (IM 09-090)

A Staff Report was provided by City Clerk Janette Bower.

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 09-025. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council

MOVED BY:	Best	To adopt Ordinance No. 09-025
SECONDED BY:	Hanson	

Fire Chief John McNutt:

- expressed verbiage concerns and provided recommendations.

City Attorney Gatti:

- responded to Council questions.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Brown	To amend 8.42.040 A. by adding "under the direct supervision of a person 21 years or older"
Seconded by:	Best	

Secondary Amendment #1		
Moved by:	Brown	To amend by deleting the word "direct from the motion"
Seconded by:	Best	

Vote on secondary amendment #1: Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Chmielewski	Vanover	
Brown	Erbey	
Combs	Best	

Vote on primary amendment #1: Motion carried by unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
Erbey	Brown	
Hanson	Combs	
Vanover	Chmielewski	

Primary Amendment #2 to Main Motion		
Moved by:	Brown	To amend 8.42.040 B. by adding "Fire Chief"
Seconded by:	Best	

Secondary Amendment #2		
Moved by:	Brown	To amend by replacing the words "Fire Chief" with "City Manager"
Seconded by:	Erbey	

Council Member Chmielewski and Council Member Best spoke against the amendment.

Vote on secondary amendment #2: Motion failed by a unanimous voice vote		
Yes:		No:
		Hanson
		Vanover
		Brown
		Combs
		Best
		Chmielewski

Vote on primary amendment #2: Motion failed by unanimous voice vote			
	Yes:		No:
Erbey	Brown	Best	
Hanson	Combs	Chmielewski	
Vanover			

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

Item 3 - Ordinance No. 09-026: Repealing Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 9.73 Weapons (IM 09-091)

A staff report was provided by Public Safety Director Jon Owen.

Mayor Combs opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 09-026. There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To adopt Ordinance No. 09-026
SECONDED BY:	Best	

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

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 - Action Memorandum 09-054: Authorize the City Manager to Award and Execute a Contract for the Gulkana Area Water and Street Improvements to North Star Paving and Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$2,608,728.64

Council Member Erbey:

- stated a possible conflict of interest due to his residence. No recusal was necessary.

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To authorize Action Memoranda 09-054
SECONDED BY:	Best	

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Information from City Manager Allen

M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Delena Johnson:

- expressed appreciation for the City's financial support for the Palmer Museum.

N. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Vanover:

- commented on the Annexation Strategy Meeting; and
- stated Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Erbey:

- expressed Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- commented favorably on WebEx.

Council Member Hanson:

- noted Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Best:

- commented favorably on the AML Local Government Conference; and
- expressed Happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Brown:

- commented on the AML meeting;
- conveyed enjoyment with attending the AAMC Banquet;
- described the Annexation Strategy Meeting;
- remarked favorably on the community and Girl Scouts participation in beautifying Palmer for the holidays;
- commented on recent phone calls concerning gun control;
- expounded on the Board of Economic Development Meeting;
- spoke in favor of utilizing WebEx for remote access; and
- requested more expedient snow removal on downtown sidewalks.

Mayor Combs:

- commented on a Boy Scout badge request;
- thanked Palmer Museum Executive Director Delena Johnson for her enthusiastic participation in community events; and
- apprised Council of Senator Huggins' survey regarding a possible sales tax.

O. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Approved this eighth day of December, 2009.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk