

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on February 10, 2009, at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

Also in attendance were the following:

Dean Baugh, Acting 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 Council Member Best.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Ordinance No. 09-001: Amending Chapters 17.08 Definitions, to include 17.08.041 Brewpub, 17.08.467 Winery; Chapter 17.28.030 Conditional Uses in the Limited Commercial District, to Include 17.28.030 D Brewpubs and Wineries; and Subsection 3 of 17.32.020 Permitted Uses in the General Commercial District, to Include Brewpubs and Wineries (IM 09-004)
 - b. Ordinance No. 09-002: Amending Chapter 17.76 Variances, by Repealing Section 17.76.090 Termination of Variances (IM 09-005)
 - c. Ordinance No. 09-003: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Chapter 1.12 City Boundaries, by Correcting a Discrepancy in the Codified City Boundaries (IM 09-006)
 - d. Ordinance No. 09-004: Amending Section 2.11.020 Duties, to Enact Language Regarding the Council/Clerk Budget Process (IM 09-007)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. January 27, 2009, Regular Meeting

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Dean Baugh, Director – Department of Administration:

- provided Council with an update of Department activities.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mike Madar, Planning and Zoning Chairman:

- commented on Council members’ trips to Juneau; and
- stressed the importance of a non-partisan council.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

H. BIDS

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 – Action Memorandum 09-011: Approve a Determination of Just Compensation of \$337,000 for the Purchase of Tract B Arbor Estates Subdivision from the University of Alaska; Authorize the City Manager to Execute Documents Necessary to Complete the Purchase of this Property; Authorize the City Manager to Apply for a Grant from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$362,000 for a Portion of the Cost of this Property Purchase; and Direct that a Budget Amendment be Prepared to Appropriate Grant Funds and \$18,100 in City Matching Funds

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To approve Action Memorandum no. 09-011
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

City Attorney Michael Gatti was recused from the matter due to his firm’s representation of the University of Alaska.

Chris Gates, Airport and Marketing Manager:

- expounded on the legislation history.

Council Member Hanson:

- questioned the location of the previous contamination spill; and
- thanked Mr. Gates for his frank and candid justifications.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- concurred with Council Member Hanson’s comments.

Mayor Combs:

- concurred with Council Member Hanson’s comments.

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

Item 2 - Action Memorandum 09-012: Authorize City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Hattenburg Dilley & Linnell in the Amount of \$26,736 to Perform Professional Engineering Soil Testing Services to the Mat-Su Borough Parcel No. 17N02E17D012 and 17N02E17D013 Adjacent to the Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To approve Action Memorandum 09-012
SECONDED BY:	Best	

Carter Cole, Public Works Director:

- provided clarified the legislation.

Council Member Hanson:

- requested clarification.

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

Item 3 – Action Memorandum 09-013: Authorize City Manager to Negotiate and Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Larsen Consulting Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$70,000 to Perform Professional Engineering Design Services for the Rehabilitation of Sewage Lift Station No. 3

MOVED BY:	Best	To approve Action Memorandum 09-013
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Carter Cole; Public Works Director:

- explained the legislation.

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

Item 4 – Action Memorandum 09-014: Authorize the Golf Manager to Purchase Ten Golf Carts for an Amount of \$43,492, Using the Sole Source Purchasing Process

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To approve Action Memorandum 09-014
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 - City Council Legislation Process

City Clerk Janette Bower:

- briefly explained the current city council legislation process.

Council Member Hanson:

- explained the request for the item to be placed on the agenda; and
- spoke in favor of utilizing project status forms.

City Attorney Michael Gatti:

- spoke in favor of the historical perspective of a complete and accurate action memorandum.

Council Member Vanover:

- reminded council the Clerk acts based on their directives.

L. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

M. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- February 17 meeting cancelled;
- February 24 special meeting 6 pm ; and
- Tentative special meeting on March 3.

N. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Combs reported on the following items:

- Mayor's Conference attendance;
- Fast Track brochure;
- Outstanding Citizenship Award;
- All Mayors meeting; and
- Judges luncheon in Palmer.

O. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chris Gates, Airport and Marketing Manager:

- encouraged council to form their own opinion regarding funding for the Mat-Su Visitor and Convention Center; and
- invited Council to the Airport flight simulator open house.

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Vanover:

- commented on green technology;
- spoke favorably concerning her meeting with the ACLU Director; and
- reminded Council she would be out of the state until May 5.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- commented on council participation in lobbying; and
- expounded on the educational opportunities provided by activities in Juneau.

Council Member Hanson:

- expressed appreciation and kudos to the new City of Palmer retiree Jerry Rowland.

Council Member Best:

- requested a certificate of appreciation for Jerry Rowland.

Council Member Brown:

- spoke in favor of AML Meeting attendance;
- remarked favorably on Chena Hot Springs Resort;
- expressed interest in membership on the Board of Economic Development;
- requested the support of another council member to place a resolution appointing Council Member Brown to the Board of Economic Development. Mayor Combs offered his support. Council Member Hanson announced his resignation from the Board;
- requested the support of another council member to place a discussion item on a future agenda regarding moving the council meeting to a different night. Council Members Vanover and Chmielewski offered their support; and
- provided details concerning a self-produced newsletter from the Downtown Palmer Merchants Association.

Mayor Combs:

- commented on the educational opportunities provided by an AML Conference; and
- defended his earlier comments concerning the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau.

R. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Approved this twenty-fourth day of February, 2009.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk