

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on April 28, 2009, at 7 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

Mayor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

The following members were absent and excused by the council:

John Combs and 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 City Manager Bill Allen.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - a. Resolution 09-011: Designating Authorized Signatures for Check Signing Affecting Any and All Disbursements of City Monies (IM 09-019)
2. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a. March 24, 2009, Regular Meeting
 - b. April 14, 2009, Regular Meeting

E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS

Bonnie Quill, Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau

- provided Council with an update.

F. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ruth Villaneva:

- expressed concern with the couplet; and
- requested Council postpone the project.

Michelle Kinkaid:

- requested Council revisit the couplet project; and
- expressed parking concerns.

Joseph Hawkins:

- remarked on the business license fee;
- suggested timely posting of minutes;
- commented on the long term effects of the Blueberry Project ; and
- questioned wind generation permit status.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item 1 – Ordinance No. 09-008: Amending Palmer Municipal Code Section 3.16.130, Business License – Required; to Mandate License be Posted in All Locations Where Business Is Conducted (IM 09-016)

Mayor Pro-Tem Hanson opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 09-008.

There being no one who wished to speak, the public hearing was closed and the matter was brought before the council.

MOVED BY:	Hanson	To adopt ordinance 09-008
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

City Manger Allen:

- explained the legislation.

Council Member Chmielewski

- questioned the display requirement.

Council Member Best:

- recommended wallet sized business licenses.

Primary Amendment #1 to Main		
Moved by:	Chmielewski	Amend the ordinance by adding "however", and retaining "any seller who has no regular place of business shall display such license upon request." within 3.16.130.
Seconded by:	Best	

Vote on Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote		
	Yes:	No:
Erbey	Best	
Chmielewski	Hanson	

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

Council Member Brown joined the meeting at 7:35 pm.

H. BIDS

Item 1 - Action Memorandum 09-028: Authorize the City Manager to Award and Execute a Contract for the Blueberry Area Water and Street Improvements Project to Prosser-Dagg Construction Co, LLC in the Amount of \$3,688,643.85

Mayor Pro-Tem Hanson requested recusal. There were no objections.

Mayor Pro-Tem Erbey manned the gavel.

City Clerk:

- explained Council Member Hanson's recusal request.

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To authorize Action Memorandum 09-028
SECONDED BY:	Best	

Public Works Director Carter Cole:

- explained the legislation.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- requested clarification.

City Council Member Best:

- expressed accolades with Prosser-Dagg's previous projects.

City Manger Allen:

- concurred with Council Member Best's comments.

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

I. ACTION MEMORANDA

Item 1 –Action Memorandum 09-030: Authorize the Manager to Enter into a Three Year Lease Agreement with Avaya Financial Services & MTA for the Internet Protocol (IP) Telephone Equipment System

Mayor Pro-Tem Hanson requested recusal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Erbey manned the gavel.

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To authorize Action Memorandum no. 09-030
SECONDED BY:	Best	

Director of Administration Kelli Veech:

- spoke in favor of the financial benefits.

MTA Representative Kristine O'Connor:

- explained the modernization of the City's phone system; and
- delineated the financial benefits of the new system.

City Manager Allen:

- expounded on the Public and Staff convenience aspect.

Council Erbey:

- spoke in favor of the system.

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

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

K. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-Tem Hanson resumed command of the gavel.

Item 1 -Resolution No. 09-012: Approving a Supplemental Appropriation of \$5,000 from the General Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance (Fund 01) to Pay a Portion of the Liability Insurance at the City Owned Palmer Senior Citizens Center (IM 09-020)

MOVED BY:	Erbey	To adopt Resolution No. 09-012
SECONDED BY:	Best	

City Manager Bill Allen:

- explained the contribution request.

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

L. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Bill Allen reported on the following items:

- Washington DC trip;
- Legislative Report;
- Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- Airport Master Plan;
- Marketing Plan;
- Mat Maid property; and
- Sales tax revenue increase.

Council Member Hanson:

- questioned the Wastewater Treatment Plant review process; and
- requested to add the Status Update documents as an agenda item.

M. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

City Clerk Janette Bower reported on the following items:

- Documents shredded by Shred Alaska;
- May 4, 6 pm ICS Training; and
- California Clerks Conference.

N. MAYOR’S REPORT

O. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE

Document from MCVB

P. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Council Member Erbey:

- commented on his return to Palmer.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- commented on the DOT Couplet Project meeting; and
- spoke in support of a series of public meetings to discuss design options.

Council Member Best:

- verbalized displeasure with the original four alternatives;
- noted one-way alternatives were still being discussed; and
- questioned the definition of a Value Engineering Study.

Public Works Director Carter Cole:

- described a Value Engineering Study.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hanson:

- reminded Council of their role within the project; and
- questioned the lack of a DOT (Department of Transportation) Community Impact Study; and
- commented on DOT's shortsightedness.

R. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Approved this twelfth day of May, 2009.

John C. Combs, Mayor

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk