

A. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on July 21, 2009, at 6 pm in the council chambers, Palmer, Alaska.

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

The following member was absent and excused by the council:

Brad Hanson

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 Chmielewski.

D. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 1 - Action Memorandum 09-039: Authorize the City Manager to Award and Execute a Professional Services Agreement for Phase I of the Bonanza Water and Street Improvements with DOWL HKM in the Amount not to Exceed \$177,269 for Professional Engineering Services

MOVED BY:	Vanover	To adopt Action Memorandum 09-039
SECONDED BY:	Chmielewski	

Greg Wickham, Deputy Director – Department of Public Works:

- explained the project's scope of work;
- stated the City was 50 percent closer to total water main replacement within the City;
- expanded on the problems occurring because of the mains being past their useful life;

- and
- spoke of the need to complete a one year cycle to evaluate LED lights.

Council Member Chmielewski:

- asked how the project fit into the overall water main replacement plan.

City Manager Allen:

- stated the city was approximately \$10 million away from total replacement of all water mains;
- thanked Deputy Director Wickham and the public works staff for the excellent work;
- stated the project had not been budgeted and was part of the stimulus package; and
- announced data would be provided at a later date concerning cost savings for LED lights.

Council Member Erbey:

- asked if the water main project had been budgeted and was on the five year plan.

Council Member Brown:

- disclosed his residence on Bonanza Street and commented on the water leak in the area.

Council Member Best:

- inquired of the status of LED lights; and
- commented on the color differential involved with LED lights.

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

Item 2 - Resolution No. 09-035: Amending the Scope of Work and Budget for the Visitor Information Center Restrooms and Approving an Additional Supplemental Appropriation Not to Exceed \$42,911 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the Capital Project Fund (08) (IM 09-056)

MOVED BY:	Chmielewski	To adopt Resolution No. 09-035
SECONDED BY:	Vanover	

Council Member Chmielewski:

- inquired of the project's timeline;
- asked of the project's appearance when completed;
- spoke of the bathroom's location; and
- stated it would have been helpful to view an image of the facility.

City Manager Allen:

- announced the project's completion date of September 1 and stated the project would be constructed by force account;
- voiced concern regarding potential emergencies; and
- stated the facility would resemble the cabin features requested by the council.

Greg Wickham, Deputy Director – Department of Public Works:

- spoke of the quotes received to provide the facility with a log appearance; and
- stated there would be a color difference between the bathroom facility and the Visitor Information Center.

Mayor Combs:

- stated the facility would be aesthetically pleasing when matched to the Visitor Information Center;
- commented on the bathroom's location;
- spoke to the necessity of the building and the need to accommodate visitors; and
- described porta-cans as a temporary structure.

Council Member Best:

- expanded on the different varieties of log structures;
- opined the data contained within the packet had not been informational;
- voiced his belief that the end product would not look like the Visitor Information Center;
- suggested the building take on the look of the Visitor Information Center; and
- questioned the public process.

Council Member Vanover:

- questioned Council Member Best concerning his objections; and
- stated she was satisfied the end product would look like the Visitor Information Center.

Council Member Brown:

- asked if there would be a color match to the Visitor Information Center; and
- expanded on work completed at the Church and the match to the original work.

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

F. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Approved this twenty-first day of July, 2009.

/s/

John C. Combs, Mayor

/s/

Janette M. Bower, CMC, City Clerk