

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Palmer City Council was held on June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. Mayor Carrington called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Mayor Steve Carrington  
Deputy Mayor Carolina Anzilotti  
John Alcantra  
Jim Cooper  
Richard W. Best  
Pam Melin  
Joshua Tudor

Staff in attendance:

John Moosey, City Manager  
Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk  
Benji Johnson, Deputy City Clerk  
Jude Bilafer, Public Works Director

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - A. May 28, 2024, Regular Meeting

**Main Motion: To Approve the Agenda as Presented**

Moved by:	Tudor
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**E. COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE REQUESTS**

1. Elected Officials in Attendance
2. Board/Commission Members in Attendance
3. Proclamation – Recognizing Juneteenth  
Mayor Carrington presented the proclamation to Audra Jackson.
4. Presentation - Juneteenth- Aundra Jackson  
Mr. Jackson provided a brief overview of Juneteenth and requested road barriers during the Juneteenth event.

**F. REPORTS**

1. City Manager's Report:
  - Reported the emergency purchase of a lawn mower to replace a broken lawn mower at the Palmer Golf Course for \$17,000, will follow-up with an Information Memorandum.

- He received the documents regarding the City's property insurance renewal and is looking at 17% overall increase.
  - Stated that an RFP for grant writers went out and received seven applicants, and administration will be recommending two to City Council.
  - Job reclassifications will be coming forward to the City Council shortly.
  - Requested update from Capital Projects will also be coming shortly.
  - Reminded everyone that City of Palmer is hosting the Mat-Su Miners Game on Thursday.
  - Reported that the new Human Resources Manager, Elizabeth Dorris, will be starting July 1.
  - Thanked the City Council for serving as City Manager for the last 4 years, the most fun job he has ever had.
  - Expressed his appreciation for Palmer as a community and called it a magical place.
2. Mayor's Report:
- Referenced written report.
  - Announced the intern Manager will be Finance Director, Gina Davis.
  - Mentioned that Manager Moosey's going away party will be Wednesday (tomorrow) from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Palmer Depot.
  - Reminded everyone about the June 20, Joint Meeting with P & Z.
  - Informed Council that there will be a Special City Council Meeting before the Regular City Council Meeting on June 25, at 5:10 pm to discuss City Manager Candidates.
3. City Clerk's Report:
- Written report in packet.
  - Available for questions.
4. City Attorney's Report:
- Addressed the subpoena received, and she represented the city in court, and the matter is now resolved.
  - She has been working on the non-profit audit, will have a verbal report next meeting, and a written report for the first meeting in July.

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jackie Goforth:

- Spoke to the Mat-Su Borough's new selection policy on libraries and expressed concerns regarding the American Library Association and internet access.

Linda Spawn:

- Read aloud from a book and objected to certain books in the library.

City Attorney Sarah Heath, "This is a Trigger Warning and reminder to our audience that during audience participation people may be reading excerpts from books that are intended for 14 years and above and may contain difficult material. We recognize that Alaska's sexual assault rate is 4 times the national average and because of this want to give our audience, especially online, a trigger warning regarding mature content that may be read."

Mark Spawn:

- Objected to certain books in the Palmer Public Library and read aloud from a book.

Prudence McKenney:

- President of the Friends of the Palmer Public Library, Inc, provided an update on the summer reading program.

Susan Pougher:

- Spoke to parental rights, provided an update on Palmer Public Library community activities, and spoke about non-profits.

Mike Chmielewski:

- Lives in downtown Palmer and has been a patron of the library for approximately 44 years.
- Spoke about the Mat-Su School District's Citizen's Library Committee.

Eric Anderson:

- Commented favorably on Juneteenth and feels that unity and community are important.
- Spoke to the issues regarding the books at the Library, School versus Public libraries, and feels that the more important issue is the internet.

## H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### I. ACTION MEMORANDA

1. **Action Memorandum No. 24-027:** Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the Professional Services Contract with Alaska Communications for One Additional Year, Term Ending June 30, 2025

Manger Moosey gave a staff report.

The council directed Manger Moosey to put the upcoming RFP on the street in November to allow for plenty of time before expiration of contract.

**Main Motion: To Adopt Action Memorandum No. 24-027**

Moved by:	Anzilotti
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

2. **Action Memorandum No. 24-028:** Directing the City Manager to Notify the State of Alaska of the City Council's Statement of Non-Objection of the Package Store License #4366 for Fred Mayer #649

**Main Motion: To Adopt Action Memorandum No. 24-028**

Moved by:	Tudor
Seconded by:	Melin
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

3. **Action Memorandum No. 24-030:** Authorizing Utility Water Connection for 2820 S. Margaret Drive, Palmer, Alaska

**Main Motion: To Adopt Action Memorandum No. 24-030**

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Tudor
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

4. **Action Memorandum No. 24-031:** Authorizing Utility Water and Sewer Connections for Breezy Meadows Multifamily Development Located at 12697 E. Scott Road, Palmer, Alaska

**Main Motion: To Adopt Action Memorandum No. 24-031**

Moved by:	Tudor
Seconded by:	Anzilotti
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

5. **Action Memorandum No. 24-033:** Appointing current City of Palmer Finance Director Gina Davis as Interim City Manager and Authorizing Compensation

**Main Motion: To Adopt Action Memorandum No. 24-033**

Moved by:	Melin
Seconded by:	Alcantra
Vote:	Unanimous
Action:	Motion Carried

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**L. RECORD OF ITEMS PLACED ON THE TABLE**

Documents from Jackie Goforth

**M. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Audra Jackson:

- Spoke to additional water connections and concerns regarding his own water bill going up.
- Reported that he is going to Washington DC for the National Juneteenth celebration.
- Spoke to Manger Moosey regarding pending retirement.

Jacki Goforth:

- Spoke to the books at the library and the comments she receives from other members of the public.
- Referenced US Supreme Court Rulings.

Susan Pougher:

- Expressed that Palmer is a special place.
- Spoke about the Friends of the Palmer Public Library.

Mike Chmielewski

- Reported that he interviewed Maija DiSalvo, Mat Su Borough Planning Department employee.
- Encouraged the Council to invite her to speak to the Council again, because of the planning money that is available.
- Inquired about the RFP regarding the Museum, the contract is coming to an end soon.
- Spoke to the continuing problem of people running the stop sign at Colony Way.

Eric Anderson:

- Reported an issue that happened in Cedar Park, the neighborhood next to Cedar Hills.
- Someone keeps burning construction debris and leaving it unattended.

**N. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Council Member Tudor:

- Last weekend was Colony Days, and it was an amazing event.
- Observed that during car show, South Colony Way was closed, which increased foot traffic, suggested with playing around closing that off during Friday Fling to benefit the local businesses.
- Thanked Mr. Jackson for coming tonight and speaking to Juneteenth.

Council Member Melin:

- Thanked everyone for coming out.
- Congratulations to Mr. Moosey on his retirement.
- Thank you to Gina for stepping into the Interim Manager role.
- She did not attend but watched on-line and heard great things about Colony Days.
- Would like to meet with the Chamber of Commerce and discuss working with them.
- Spoke about non-profits.
- Looking forward to interviewing the next round for City Manager.

Council Member Alcantra:

- Thanked Mr. Jackson for coming tonight.
- Thanked Mr. Moosey for his time as City Manager.
- Also believes that Gina Davis will be a great Interim City Manager.
- Was at Colony Days representing Job Corp and it was fantastic.
- He missed the last Council Meeting due to seeing son off for deployment.
- Applauded Council Member Tudor and his son for all the cleanup work that they did on Colony Days.
- Thanked those who come and express their opinion during audience participation.

Deputy Mayor Anzilotti:

- Thanked and congratulated Mr. Moosey.
- Colony Days was spectacular as always.
- Thanked Mr. Jackson for coming tonight.

Council Member Cooper:

- Thanked and congratulated Mr. Moosey.
- Thanked Gina for stepping into the interim Manger role.

Council Member Best:

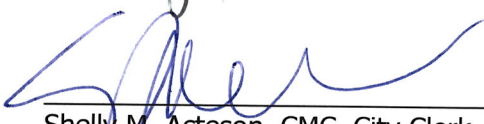
- Thanked and congratulated Mr. Jackson.
- Agreed that Colony Days was a good time.
- Regarding the construction debris, as far as he knows, no open burning is allowed in the city limits nor the Borough.
- Appreciated the comment regarding the RFP for the Museum Contract.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

**Approved this 25th day of June 2024.**

  
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Steve Carrington, Mayor

  
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Shelly M. Acteson, CMC, City Clerk