

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 15, 2014, at the Borough Assembly Chamber, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of holding a joint Assembly/Cities meeting to receive incident command system training for executives/senior officials.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*) (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*arrived at 6:15 p.m.*)

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Palmer City Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Steve Carrington
Mr. Richard Best
Ms. Linda Combs
Ms. Edna DeVries
Mr. Ken Erbey

City of Wasilla Council Members present with no quorum were:

Mr. David Wilson
Ms. Gretchen O'Barr
Mr. Brandon Wall

[Clerk's note: Houston City Council did not participate due to inclement weather.]

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Casey Cook, Emergency Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Palmer Deputy Mayor Carrington.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives/Senior Officials Training.

MOTION: Palmer Deputy Mayor Carrington moved to enter into committee of the whole.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the body entered into committee of the whole at 6:10 p.m.

During the committee of the whole the body received training on the incident command system from Mr. Casey Cook, Emergency Manager for the Borough; and Mr. Michael O'Hare, Deputy Director of the Alaska State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

MOTION: Palmer Deputy Mayor Carrington moved to exit committee of the whole.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the body exited committee of the whole at 8 p.m.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There was no one present who wished to testify.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Palmer City Council Member Erbey stated that he was very pleased with the emergency response to the Cedar Hills Subdivision fire.

Palmer Council Member DeVries:


- commented that she was very impressed with the emergency response during the fire in the Cedar Hills Subdivision, as well as the 2012 flood event; and
- remarked that it helps her to rest well at night.

Assemblymember Colligan thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Arvin thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 02/04/14