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6 **PALMER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
7 **MONDAY, August 10, 2009 @ 7:00 PM**  
8 **Town Council Meeting Room, Palmer Town Building**  
9 **Minutes**

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11 1. Called to order at 1904  
12 2. Roll Call:  
13 a. Present: Mr. Backus, Mr. Burns, Ms. Barry, Mr. Duguay, Mr. Dinuovo, Mr. Hebert, Mr.  
14 Williams, Mr. Streeter  
15 b. Absent: Mr. Magiera, Mr. Remillard  
16 3. Pledge of Allegiance  
17 4. Consent of the agenda order: Mr. Backus moved, Mr. Hebert seconded motion to accept agenda as  
18 ordered; vote was unanimous to accept agenda  
19 5. No visitor's comments for items not on the agenda  
20 6. Approval of minutes of preceding Town Council Meetings:  
21 a. April 13, 2009  
22 i. P. 2 ln 18, add "insurance" before "coverage"  
23 ii. P.2, ln 42 strike "and maybe September 4-6"  
24 iii. Mr. Backus moved to accept minutes as amended; Mr. Duguay seconded motion  
25 iv. Vote was 5-1-1 to accept minutes with Ms. Barry opposed and Mr. Dinuovo abstaining  
26 b. Ms. Barry: Minutes are confusing; they are in way too much depth. Dialogue is in minutes but it  
27 is uncertain who is saying what. Minutes are supposed to be less detailed and only summarized as  
28 to what happened.  
29 c. June 8, 2009  
30 i. P. 6 ln 5 add "Pathfinder" before "graduates"  
31 ii. Mr. Duguay moved, Mr. Hebert seconded to accept minutes as amended  
32 iii. Council voted 6-0-1 to accept minutes as amended with Ms. Barry abstaining  
33 d. June 10, 2009  
34 i. P. 1 ln 29 correct date to Dec. 15 or 17, whichever is correct  
35 ii. Mr. Dinuovo moved, Mr. Backus seconded to accept minutes as amended  
36 iii. Council voted 6-1-0 to accept minutes as amended, with Ms. Barry opposed  
37 e. June 17, 2009  
38 i. P. 3, ln 3 clarify meaning of clause  
39 ii. P. 3 ln 46 Clarify and verify statement and person cited from DVD  
40 iii. P. 5 ln 14 Record author of quote and verify quote  
41 iv. Mr. Dinuovo moved, Mr. Hebert seconded to accept minutes as amended

- 1 v. Council voted 5-1-1 to accept minutes as amended, with Ms. Barry opposed and Mr.  
2 Duguay abstaining  
3 f. June 23, 2009  
4 i. P.1 ln 39 correct spelling to “Corbin”  
5 ii. Mr. Backus moved, Mr. Hebert seconded to approve minutes as amended  
6 iii. Council voted 4-1-2 to approve minutes as amended with Ms. Barry opposed, Mr. Burns  
7 and Mr. Dinuovo abstaining  
8 g. June 29, 2009 -- Tabled by Mr. Burns pending check on Council vote, P. 1 ln 32  
9 h. July 8, 2009 –  
10 i. Change title word “Special” to “Informational”  
11 ii. Tabled by Mr. Burns pending questions on quorum and voting to accept minutes  
12 7. Old business:  
13 a. Public hearing on Ordinance 2010-01 opened at 1920  
14 i. No comments made  
15 ii. Chair closed hearing at 1920  
16 b. Second reading Ordinance 2010-01  
17 i. Ms. Barry moved, Mr. Duguay seconded motion to waive reading of the full ordinance  
18 ii. Council voted 7-0-0 to waive reading of full ordinance  
19 iii. Ordinance summarized by Ms. Barry  
20 c. Vote on Ordinance 2010-01  
21 i. Moved by Mr. Duguay, seconded by Ms. Barry  
22 ii. Discussion:  
23 1. Mr. Hebert: do state ordinances supercede town ordinances?  
24 2. Mr. Burns: State laws speaks only to possession, not to public consumption  
25 3. Mr. Hebert: I want to make sure we can enforce our ordinance; how do we  
26 enforce the law if people don’t have to give their name? Chief Frydryk: Our  
27 ordinance requires that people in violation are required to give their name; we are  
28 looking to close a state law loophole  
29 4. Mr. Backus: are our arrests being held up in court? (Unidentified police  
30 department spokesman): All the time.  
31 iii. Vote: Council voted 7-0-0 to pass ordinance 2010-01  
32 8. New business:  
33 a. Discussion- Green Communities Act was discussed with unidentified parties from the floor  
34 i. Program is designed to encourage communities to go green  
35 ii. Program provides access to federal stimulus funds for green initiatives  
36 iii. Informational session provided for Council on progress of funding, apps, and program  
37 requirements  
38 iv. Council discussed replacing town vehicles with fuel efficient vehicles under these  
39 programs to meet green criteria; most town vehicles would be exempt from program  
40 v. Building inspectors would need additional training pertaining to new building codes  
41 applying to buildings over 3,000 sq. ft.  
42 b. Discussion: Natural Landscapes Heritage incentives were discussed with unidentified parties  
43 from the floor  
44 i. Council discussed ways to keep Heritage funds in our community, and getting item in  
45 support of Heritage Incentives on the ballot  
46 ii. Parties to discussion requested that the Council form a committee to investigate funding  
47 and using incentives, and getting a Natural Heritage Landscapes measure on ballot next  
48 year  
49 c. Resolution 2010-03 – Meals Excise Tax  
50 i. Mr. Dinuovo moved, Ms. Barry seconded a resolution to impose a local meals excise.

- ii. Council discussed funds collections, distributions and timelines for imposition of ordinance; relative size of excise and impact on local citizens vs. transients
        - iii. Mr. Burns: We should at least hold a public hearing before we enact this; Council followed this comment with much discussion about public opportunity for comment on both resolutions
        - iv. Mr. Dinuovo withdrew the motion until a date certain
        - v. Date certain on the motion set to be Thursday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> for both ordinances
        - vi. Council voted 5-1-1 in favor of the withdrawn motion, with Mr. Backus opposed and Mr. Duguay abstaining
      - d. Resolution 2010-04-Rooms Excise Tax was tabled and moved to date certain Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup> with Resolution 2010-03
      - e. Discussion: Manager's 2010 goals
        - i. Ms. Barry read 10 goals identified in Managers handout
        - ii. Ms. Barry moved, Mr. Dinuovo seconded motion to accept manager's goals as listed
        - iii. Council voted 7-0-0 that the Council accept Manager's goals as listed in handout
9. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Mr. Duguay: Appointed Charter Review Committee will meet on the 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM
  - b. Mr. Burns presented a report from the Regional Casino Impact Study Task force, and the letter they presented. Much discussion ensued; Ms. Barry requested a meeting with State representatives Smola and Brewer, who have studied the issue, to make our concerns known to them in the first week of September
10. Town Manager's report was discussed as presented in written form
11. Councilor's round table:
  - a. Mr. Burns: NC
  - b. Ms. Barry: NC
  - c. Mr. Backus: NC
  - d. Mr. Dinuovo: NC
  - e. Mr. Duguay:
    - i. Aug 14 Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Movie night; Wizard of Oz, starts at 8 PM
    - ii. Frank Zabawa was a great resource to the town, especially to Food Share; he will be missed
  - f. Mr. Hebert: Cell phone number block list, 800 number offered to residents so they can block telemarketing calls
  - g. Mr. Williams: Crosswalk and traffic directional arrows, especially behind Walker bldg. have been brought to his attention as needing repainting/not properly painted
12. Mr. Backus moved, Mr. Hebert seconded motion to adjourn formal session; vote was unanimous to adjourn formal session at 2052

Respectfully submitted by  
Ramon Dole  
Recording Secretary