

City of Aniak
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Aniak City Office or thru Teleconference on Request
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order @ 6:08pm**
- II. Roll Call-** DBonanno- P , SCharles- P , AFolz-P , AMorgan-P , CMorgan-P , LSeavey-P , BMorgan-P
Staff Present: LKameroff- P , CPhillips- P , MMorgan- P , PW Dept-JPete-P
- III. Approval of Agenda** AFolz made a motion to approve Agenda. 2nd by LSeavy. Motion carried.
- IV. Public Participation**
- A. CRW & VSW Water and Wastewater Presentation- Presented alternative plans for the community of Aniak for water and wastewater. Came out late summer with a crew and did field work. Surveyed community. Water Alternatives: Alt#1: Piped water system for whole community. Advantages- All existing and future homes would have potable, palatable water. Homeowners not responsible for well upkeep . Tanker Truck fill available in more locations. Disadvantages Higher cost and City may struggle with sustaining system. Alt#2 Supplemental Community well and watering point. Advantages-Residents who haul water would have more efficient access with two watering points in town. Tanker truck fill available in more locations. Smaller foot print than Alt 1. Moderate capitol cost. Disadvantages- Inequitable access to water with some residents hauling water and some using individual wells. Alt#3- Replacement/Enhanced of Deficient Wells. Advantages- Palatable water provided in every home. Lowest capital cost. No need for City establish a water utility. Disadvantages- Homeowners responsible for all maintenance. Purchase of consumable water treatment products for some homeowners is an equitable burden. Does not address tanker truck filling need. Bruce Werba with YKHC asked if they hit iron will they add a brine to backwash to enhance that well. Laurie said yes, but the only this after the project homeowners will be responsible for their well. Bruce Werba asked if that process in some cases will they have to drill deeper? Laurie- Said some of these wells are only 20-45feet deep and 2” driven point wells. Modern wells aren’t built that way and will be built modern. The older wells we will have to drill new wells about 70 feet would be beneficial. Shallow wells would need to be drilled deeper and would be better. Lisa Seavy- No one came to my house or surveyed me. Don’t think that if its based only on 16 houses it isn’t accurate. Alt#4 Both Alt 2 & 3-Advantages- Palatable and reliable water provided in every home. Tanker truck fill available on both sides of the community. Smaller foot print than Alt 1. Moderate capital cost. Shared mobilized for drilling community and individual wells. Managerial org structure would be less complicated than Alt 1. Disadvantages- Future homes will need to install individual wells. Wastewater alternatives- Alt 1 New lined treatment cell . Redeveloped existing cells into percolation cells. Advantages- Lower Costs, simple and familiar operation, further from river than Alt 2 or Alt 3, Reutilizes lagoon. Disadvantages- City would continue to use airport property. Alt2- New lined primary treatment cell and percolation cell and decommission existing lagoon. Advantages- Lower cost than Alt3, simple and familiar operation, all improvements are on city land. Disadvantages- Higher cost than Alt 1, prercolation cell would be closer to the river than in Alt1 and requires close out of existing lagoon. Alt 3 New two cell lined facultative lagoon system, seasonal discharge to river and decommission of existing lagoon. Advantages All improvements are on city land. Disadvantages- Close to river, higher costs, annual discharge operations and requires closeout of existing lagoon.
- V. Previous Meeting Minutes**
- A. January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes A.Folz made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. 2nd by C.Morgan. Motion carried.

VI. Reports

- A. Mayor Report-D. Bonanno- Draw 2 winners for customers that pay their water and sewer. 1st Draw-Smoke Alarm- Dorrain Kvamme.2nd draw- \$30.00 Kuik Gift Card Edith Morgan. Said that the public works department did a very good job with the roads. Feb 2nd fire at Carrie Morgans-Matt shop. Happy it was contained and no other buildings were damaged.
- B. Aniak Volunteer Fire Department - SCERP Update- Monthly Fire Station meeting Feb 19 @ 2pm. Matts shop was on fire on Feb 2 it was contained and was put out. The fire station had no heat and the equipment needed wouldn't start due to the cold temps. Kuspuk School District closed the High School due to the gymnasium cracking. They had a community meeting at the Community hall and their plans moving forward. High school students will move to the AMNES side and continue having school. City will keep in mind that if they need to tear down the High School Kuspuk will have to work with City to come up with a plan for the debris. Flood evacuation site was the school for emergency shelter. If the school does not fit the needs we will have to figure something out when its closer to March and April.
- C. Public Works - MG.Morgan- We are working with the Tribe and Public Works to design a safe landfill. Planning for a new burn cage is in progress to improve how we handle waste. Lenore and I met with the school to discuss building safety and how to evacuate students if needed. New emergency plans and regular drills are in place. Efforts continue to recruit and train volunteers so we can respond quickly to emergencies. The city owns the shooting range. We are waiting for disaster relief feedback to help us plan improvement plans for the next meeting. We are currently in the planning and approval process for the levee project. Variance notices for landowners are being prepared, and we are addressing survey concerns before construction begin. We been approved for a grant and are working through the process. The new grader will help us keep city roads in good shape. The new engine has arrived. Public Works and I will install it next month.
- D. City Clerk/Treasurer -C.Phillips- Since I started January 14, 2026, Missy has been training me with various Quickbooks duties such as: Bank reconciliation, entering customer payments, paying bills, entering invoices and bill payments, entering timesheets for payroll. Will be attending Financial training for Rural Utilities and applying to take a Quickbooks course with the Arviiq Center in March along with Clerks Management for Rural Utilities. Clerical duties include new 2026 vendor files, working with Missy with meetings until I get comfortable doing them. She and I worked on January 2026 meeting together.
- E. Financial Statement - L.Kameroff- Quite a few over budgeted in a lot of Departments. Can always review and do budget amendments. Traveling, wages and taxes are different every year. The collection rate is 10% overall. LKameroff suggests City using a collection agency as City has 200,000 past due statements. LKameroff will look into a collection agency. Next month will have council review last years budget and then we can make amendments where needed. A.Folz made a motion to accept the financial statement for January. 2nd by L. Seavy. Motion Carried.
- F. City Manager - L. Kameroff- Met with ATC-EPA Program and Laura Simeon. They will be looking into a Tribal grant to help with the landfill that is up to \$50,000. What we requested was sending one of our Public Works crew to get free on training to get rid of all of our old appliances at the landfill. PPE for when we use the burn cage unit. We forgot to add that in the burn cage grant. Collection sites at the landfill on the right side of the entrance when going up on the road will be outside of the fence after the cottage on way into the dump. Still figure out what will be in the totes. The EPA program agreed to help with public notices and looking into other funding for the land fill and backhaul. Haven't heard back from the Catholic church about our lease agreement for the old library building. Asked the Public works dept to please keep their parking lot plowed. APRA manager boot camp for insurance and all that entails. CRW and VRW Grant if they need a resolution in March would we have to have a special meeting to choose the Alternatives. Special meeting to approve the resolution to approve the alternatives chosen Alt 2 for Wastewater and Alt 4 for Water-VIA teleconference Wednesday March 4, 2026 @2:30pm. 2 grants- State grant will apply for next year it would be good for sewer upgrades, day care or public works building. Would like to look more into to apply next year. Comes out every year CDS grant from Senator Murkowski office. AK Rural Health Transformation program- just need to submit a letter of interest for training and recruiting or retaining volunteers for the Fire Dept or

equipment upgrades for medical equipment training. Up to 1000-3000. Don't have a working fire dept yet. Those were some of the examples that it could be used for. A.Folz asked if it would be worth it to apply. Said that we don't have a functional Fire Dept.

VII. Old Business

- A. Sales Tax Exemptions & Sales Transactions Discussion- Item 18 The amount in an excess of a \$1000.00 in any sales transaction. If the council want to revisit and remove it. It may include the bed tax because one of the vendors had a sale over 1,000 and couldn't charge the 2% tax. They recommended we remove #18 in the Sales tax ordinance. This is from a BNB perspective. Look more into it. Make a caviot just for the bed tax. LKameroff will write up the amendment and can review it. Also a letter from the Hound House about the 120 a month to throw their waste and 2% sales tax. A. Folz said that we already tried to address this. We were saying if a company makes less than 100 grand a year that they could pay less than the waste bill. Then ran into some issues where we would be charging other companies way more. The fees are the commercial works fee of 50.00 and 100.00 for the land fee for a total of 150.00. A. Folz said we would have to have a work session to further discuss this. TBD.
- B. USDA RD Community Facilities Grant Agreement- Heavy Equipment Award- City got awarded for the road grade that we applied for last year. The only caviot is that we would need to look into more funding to cover the match of 25% of the total, approx..110,000-111,000. Matthew is looking into grants available. What they need right now for the agreement to move forward and will reach out to us for whatever else comes next. We would need the council to make a motion and for it to get approved. There is no timeframe to get the 25% and just a notification of the award. Each step they will reach out to us as needed. The equipment LKameroff sent them was under 500,000 and look into other attachments for the grader. Which is an attachment that would move the snow into a dump truck. A. Folz made a motion to accept the USDA RD Community Facilities Grant Agreement. 2nd by CMorgan. Motion Carried.

VIII. New Business

- A. Partnership with Bethel Canines- Motion to table till next meeting. C.Morgan made a motion. 2nd by A.Folz. Motion Carried.
- B. TKC Letter of Support-Harvest to Home Project- Want a letter of support to support the completion of the red devil timber processing facility and expand the production of locally sourced housing materials for construction. We should be speaking to someone with TKC about this. No one at City has spoken to TKC about this.
- C. FY27 CAP Application Notice & Population Determination for Aniak

IX. Council Comments

- A. Executive Session- City Manager & Staff Evaluations

X. Time and Place of Next Meeting- March 18th, 2026 6pm

XI. Adjourn C.Morgan made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by B. Morgan. Motion carried.

Attested:

Mayor David Bonanno *Signed: Date*

City Clerk/Treasurer Charlotte Phillips *Signed: Date*