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City Manager Report  
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I did attend another grant writing seminar that dealt with “key phrase” wording on our actual grant proposals. I did get some good insight and help in wording for our next CDBG grant proposal for the Library/Elder Center during the next funding cycle.

As a reminder, TKC’s 2023 Middle Kuskokwim Gathering for February 28 through March 2. This gathering will be a good forum to bring up the needs of all of us working together to bring about needed changes or implementation of programs regarding our livelihood.

- New demographics for our area that all stakeholders can utilize for grants or programs funded by the State.
- Joint ventures in acquiring new heavy equipment to use in our community in building structures, road maintenance, snow removal to mitigate Spring flooding potential, landfill management, sewer lagoon management, riverbank erosion abatement, City dock and boat launch ramp, etc.
- MOU or MOA for joint projects to share costs for dry wood clearing. Need chain saws to cutting down dead trees or cut fallen trees for local firewood. This would eliminate potential fire hazards including safety and health hazards.

I have started my research for Federal grants for funds to revitalize our Fire Department in hopes to hire a paid Fire Chief. Other programs would include getting certified Volunteer Fire Fighters, EMTs and First Responders This may also serve to start a Search & Rescue Team. So far, all I have gotten is just gathering information and just asking other communities as to their process in submitting their proposals.

My upcoming training will be with FEMA Insurance Feb 27<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Anchorage. This training will position City of Aniak to be able to apply for disaster funds immediately and not be put on the list at the bottom of the list. Travel and Hotel costs are reimbursable directly from FEMA (up to \$1,000.00).