City Manager's Report May 19, 2022

**Fire Dept:** No reported activity. The city needs to request that YKHC pay heating costs for the ambulance storage. A better idea could be that the city offers the fire hall building to YKHC and/or ATC for them to use for community emergency response programs, such as ambulance service, search and rescue, wildfire, and flood safety. All of the above programs have BIA funding available and hopefully the creation of these tribal programs will lead to more community involvement in a volunteer fire department.

**Library:** I have had one application & waiting to hear from them. Gazebo kit has arrived. Need to find labor to assemble it. This is a grant project.

**Public works:** ANTHC engineers suggest that we increase out commercial public works fee by 50%. This is based on the amount of pallets, cardboard, etc. that go into the landfill from stores, airlines, school...they add a lot. The public works fee, taxes and PILT go to the rest of the services the city provides- roads maintenance, dike, landfill, fire department, library-and the city budget usually falls a \$100,000 short. We don't make enough income to cover the services we provide.

City Manager: I would like to contact grant writing companies and find out how much it costs to hire a firm to work for the city. The DOT road projects grant application is coming up this fall, and there will be many infrastructure grants the city will need to apply for. The council needs to make a list of the capital projects-road expansions and improvements, public works shop improvements, a tribal EPA landfill partnership(?), sewer lagoon improvements, library/elder/park restroom construction, continued dike maintenance, etc....projects that need to happen In the future.

I met with BushTell to discuss updating their utility easement, and I would like to send the attached letter to AL&P and BushTell to start the conversation about moving utilities that are in the roadway. The city has the right to request encroachments be moved off of the public roadways. Having a utility easement does not give the companies the right to interfere with the intended use of public roads.

I submitted a Denali Commission grant requesting a feasibility study for sewer lagoon repairs/relocation.

I would like to hire Dave Cannon (when he is available) to lay out the baseball diamond at the city park. We have a grant that will pay for that.

The council needs to approve the job description for the city manager job posting.