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City Manager Report
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First thing that I would like to say is “Thank you for your confidence” in selecting me as your new City Manager. This is not my first “rodeo” as a City Manager and I know the workload that it takes to accomplish the requirements of the position. We will need to deal with a lot of critical issues in the next few months with the help of the Council.

As you will find, I do not make decisions without the consent of the Council and to that end – I need a lot of open communications with all Council Members. I do hold an “open door” policy and each one of you, or group, is welcome to come to the office to bring issues or concerns. Also, there are questions that we may need to address before they become critical.

My first item of interest is the proposed Resolution: Community Transportation Program application and Maintenance Commitment with the Alaska DOT & Public Facilities to handle the Aniak community transportation. This would include the downtown roads stormwater drainage system.

In reviewing the office manuals, I do not see the Community Plan for Aniak or the Emergency Evacuation Plan. Was there ever one for either one?

There is a new announcement for FY 2022 CDBG application for up to \$850,000.00 for community development activities that benefits low, and moderate, income people in our community. Should I pursue an application for this grant? If so, we will need to determine what to identify the funds for and who will benefit more from the grant.

Coming up on December 7th through 9th, 2022 is the Annual Alaska Municipal League conference in Anchorage. These conferences usually are to good not only to network with other cities in Alaska, but to also find other opportunities in fundings from the State of Alaska, Denali Commission or other funding sources that we may not receive information from. There are also other vendor that display their products during the conference.