

Public Works Monthly Report

January 2026 – Council Update

- Fire Department Meeting: Lisa Shield with the Community Wildfire Resilience and Workforce met with Lenore and I to go over important criteria for our Fire Department meeting on the 20th. (Agenda Attached)
- Levee Inspection Prep: I've been making a list of every spot on the Aniak levee that needs fixing to pass inspection. Each problem area is marked and will be addressed. Entering Lot, Tract, Block numbers on the DNR website to contact land owners for variances that are unacceptable under levee report.
- Nissan Engine Update: Our new engine is on its way and should arrive next week or the week after. The total cost was \$5,293,99 under our budget of \$6,000.
- Landfill Planning: Working on a design for our landfill, including where to place the new burn cage and fish totes, setting burn times, sign placement, and making sure we follow all the required rules.
- Shooting Range Update: Lenore and I attended an applicant briefing with the State of Alaska Public Assistance Grant program. We have met all eligibility requirements along with the application submitted. Our next step is to get the total cost, land ownership documents, design, for our next meeting.
- Bulk Fuel Project: We had a meeting to decide our grant signers for the Bulk Fuel project. Looking into city land options along the riverside to present at our next meeting. Overall cost will be \$155,000, design is in process and will be presented at our next meeting.
- Cold Spell Challenges: We have had -40 temps for about two weeks that took a toll on our operations. The Office and Shop sewer system froze having to leave for bathroom breaks. Many homes had pipes breaking leaving homes without water, sewer, even heat. Gas station pumps have been down, slowing down operations. Our grader, chevy and snow plow started to leak hydraulic and power steering fluid, having to add fluids to keep up with road maintenance until new parts get here.
- Routine Checks: Public Works guys doing regular checks lift stations every morning and getting fuel logs. The lift station by community hall needed to be checked every morning and evening due to maintenance issues. January 20th and 21st Bruce Werba and Public Works have a plan to get it back to normal operation.
- Thanks to Dakota: Dakotas hard work has helped of families stay warm this winter by delivering fire wood, even leaving a pile in front of the city shop for anyone in need.

- Teamwork: The team has been working together and communicating well to keep our roads, lift stations, fire department, city buildings, equipment, vehicles, meetings, and customer payments running smoothly during these winter months.
- Welcome Charlotte Phillips: We're excited to welcome Charlotte Phillips as our new city clerk.

Thank you from Public Works!