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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2021
To: Mayor and City Council
From: Gregg B. Brelsford, Interim City Manager
Subject: Monthly Report for April 1, 2021 City Council Meeting

1. Commendation to Dillingham Police Department for Professionalism in Handling the Shooting Incident in Dillingham on February 18, 2021

As is well-known, there was a shooting incident in Dillingham on February 18, 2021. This is to commend to the Mayor and Council, and the Dillingham community, the exemplary degree of professionalism, teamwork, and dedication to the community's safety, shown by the leadership of the Dillingham Police Chief, and the quick, diligent, and resolute responsiveness of all of the officers, backed up by the full team as the department, in their safe, competent, and positive handling of the incident.

This is also to commend the officers of the Alaska State Troopers who assisted the Dillingham police in this incident. This included Troopers from Dillingham, King Salmon, and the Troopers' Special Emergency Reaction Team from Anchorage.

Many times, our police officers, and all law enforcement officers, risk their safety, and lives, in doing their duty to protect all of us who live in Dillingham, and elsewhere. The February 18 incident ended with no harm to any of the officers involved. The officers were fired upon during the incident so this positive outcome could easily have been much more tragic. In the highest possible terms, the City commends the Chief, the officers, and the members of the entire Police Department, for their conduct in the February shooting and dedication to the safety of the people of Dillingham, and its visitors.

2. Non-Discrimination and Harassment Training

Led by Kelsa, the City started to require on-line non-discrimination and harassment training for all current City employees in February 2021. All current city employees have now completed this training. We will be seeking a discount for this on our premiums with our insurance carrier.

3. American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP)

This is the Covid-19 stimulus bill signed by the President on March 11, 2021. This bill includes funding for municipalities. According to an AML spreadsheet of ARP funding for Alaskan municipalities,

Dillingham may get a total of about \$1,102,705, and this would be provided in two tranches. These figures are provisional and estimated. We also do not yet what strings will be attached to it. The City Lobbyist and Finance Director will be tracking this.

4. Audit

Throughout February, the Interim Manager and Finance Director worked closely to move the audit closer to completion. The current target is to provide the City's work product to the auditors by April 1. On that schedule, the auditors are expected to provide the audit to the Council for review at its May 6, 2021.

5. Covid-funding from the State of Alaska Approved

The State of Alaska accepted the City proposal prepared and filed by the EOC Manager for a COVID-19 Community program. It is designed to supplement existing Covid vaccine and testing programs in the City, with a specific focus on reaching hard-to-get individuals. These include people who cannot take time off of work to get a vaccine, people who may not have transportation to a vaccine site, and others. This will provide about \$102,000 for mobile testing and vaccination efforts, starting in about mid to late April.

6. Public Works Department

- a. Former Public Works Director. As of March 10, 2021, Luke Moody was no longer employed by the City of Dillingham.
- b. Recruitment. The City is now recruiting for a new Director and Interim Director.
- c. Equipment Maintenance and Repair. Since March 10, I have discovered, among other things, a significant, long-term lapse in maintaining the Department's equipment. This will require a sustained and focused effort, and currently unknown amount of funding, to correct it. This month's report is to begin to identify the nature and scope of the maintenance issues with the PW equipment.

Here is a preliminary and rough overview (still a work-in-progress) of the Public Works fleet of 46 pieces of equipment and trucks, as of March 2021. This is equipment vital to the City's infrastructure, including road maintenance, snow removal, water and wastewater treatment, port operations, landfill operations, facilities maintenance and upkeep.

No financial information has yet been developed but it is likely numerous pieces will need to be replaced and others will need significant investment to restore them to operating condition. Additionally, further investment will need to be made in supplies, tools and manpower to maintain the equipment as needed.

- Seven are in good condition but need updated maintenance and service
- Ten are in fair condition and need maintenance
- Nine are in poor condition and need assessment to determine whether any further funds should be spent
- Ten are inoperable and need assessment to determine whether any further funds should be spent
- Four are unknown or cannot be located

- The average age of the fleet is 19 years.

Here is the result of a rough March 15 in-house preliminary assessment (which is ongoing), of some of the Department's Caterpillar equipment. The City is retaining experts to do a professional assessment and recommend repairs.

#192	2014	Caterpillar	816F Compactor	Inoperable, water in fuel system, possibly from fuel caps being left off. Fuel system needs to be purged. Needs service and repairs.
#104	2012	Caterpillar	160M Grader	Inoperable; multiple steering faults, hydraulic and coolant leaks. Needs diagnostics, service and repairs.
#120	1998	Caterpillar	960F Loader	Inoperable; possible fuel injector problems. Needs diagnostics, service and repairs.
#188	2006	Caterpillar	Excavator 345CL	Operable, needs service and possibly repairs.
#119	1999	Caterpillar	D5M Dozer	Operable, needs service and possibly repairs.
#106	1998	Caterpillar	160H Grader	Operable; needs service and possibly repairs. Has 12,000 hours.

7. City Lease of State Land at the Airport

This is to supplement my report on this subject at the March 4, 2021 Council meeting. Since then, I've talked with the state leasing officer for this case. He said (i) we have paid for the lease through November 2021, (ii) we get no refund of any of that money by terminating the lease in advance and (iii) we have to remove the building from the land when we terminate the lease. Based on this, I told him we will keep the lease until it expires. Now, we have to find a use for the building, or sell it, or demolish it.

8. Representing the City in regional, statewide and other zoom meetings

I'm now plugged into a number of extra-cities zoom meetings with processors, health providers, the state EOC and health officials, regarding Covid-19 planning. Among other things, this include the State EOC Incident Commander and city managers from around the state all comparing notes on Covid-issues and plans in our communities.

9. Covid-19 Matters

- a. Vaccine supply in Dillingham for April. The PHN reports that Dillingham is currently expected to receive 500 vaccine doses in April: 200 Johnson and 300 Moderna.

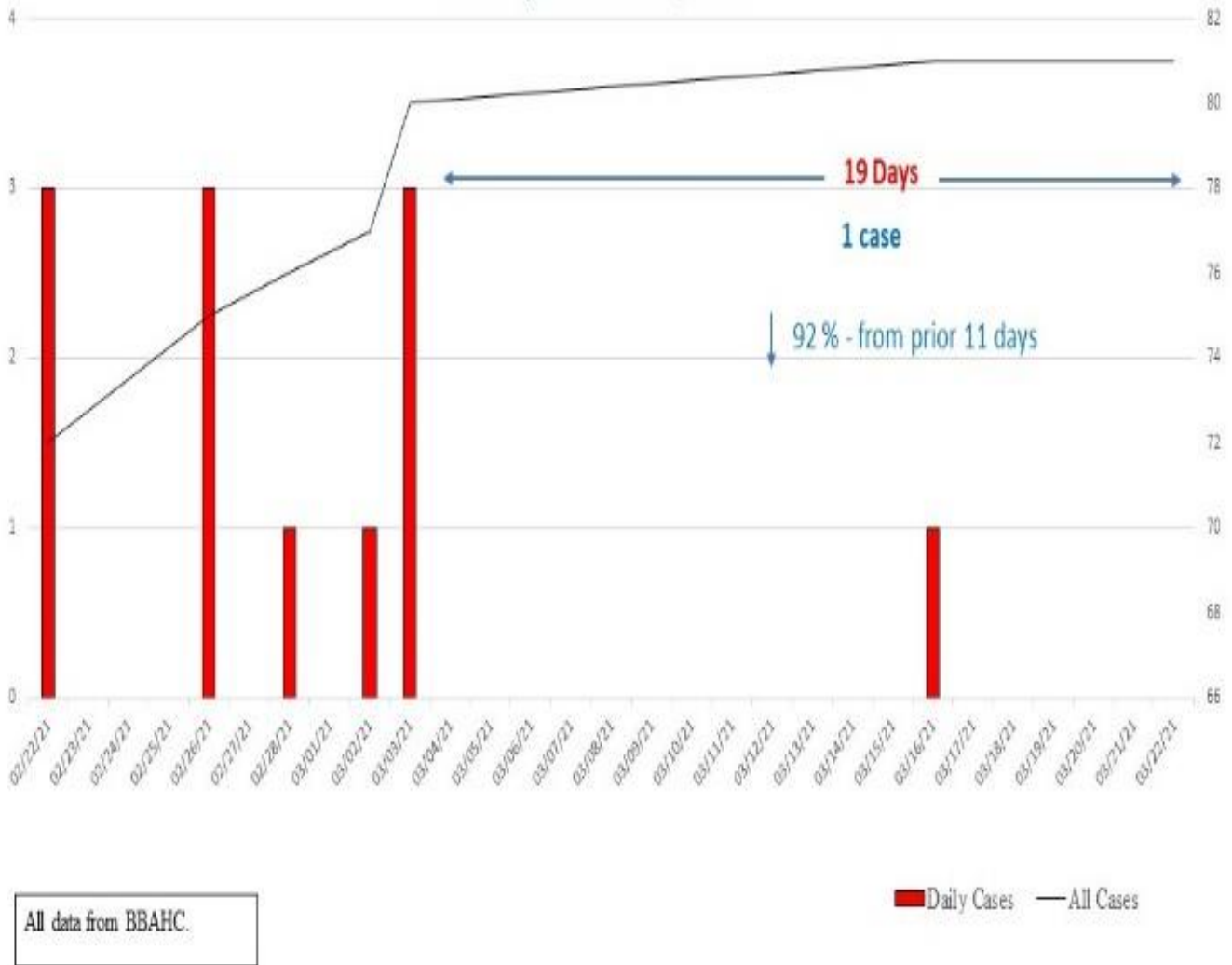
- b. Percentage of Dillingham Fully Vaxed. By April 24, the fully-vaxed number of people in DLG will be about 1030 from ages 15 and older (1730 total) - this would be **59.5 %** of this DLG population. If you count those age 20 and older (1559 total) this would be **66%** by the end of April.
- c. Absence of Covid-quarantine calls to the Police Department. Between March 2020, the “start” of the Covid-era, and March 22, 2021, the Department conducted a total of 42 investigations.¹ In the five months between November 1, 2020, and March 17, 2021, the Department received 6 Covid quarantine calls from citizens, and **zero** calls February 25 and March 17 (most recent statistics).
- d. Public Service Announcements. Covid PSAs will be played by KDLG 2/day, 3 days/week. They were recorded by:

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Thank you.

¹ These included: (a) Citations – 8, (b) Unfounded – 15, the Department concludes there was no violation, (c) Unprovable – 10, investigation did not result in probable cause to ethically issue a citation to the individual, (d) Education – 7, the individual was educated concerning the EO. Email communication to the Interim Manager from the City of Dillingham Chief of Police, dated February 17, 2021.

City of Dillingham, Alaska
 Covid-19 Daily & Cumulative Cases - 30 days
 February 22 - March 22, 2021



Thank you.