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MEMORANDUM

Date: 8- 24-212
To: Chris Hladik, Interim City Manager
From: Jean Barrett, Public works / Port
Subject: Monthly Report

I have missed a good portion of July and part of August due to an illness but the amazing people I have in place under me did an amazing job of working together and getting the job done, I would like to express my appreciation to each and every one of them.

I have been busy playing catch up and trying to get things in order for the upcoming winter, from ordering much needed supplies such as calcium, for the roads, Chemicals for the Water /Waste Water Department, shopping for equipment to replace lost items from the landfill fire, attempting to fill empty positions, and attempting to give as much information as possible for the ongoing City assessment of equipment and facilities.

Landfill

- We are working on getting water to the incinerator so we can start to use it before winter hits, we have a building we are going to move out there and use as a pump shack for our electrical panel and expansion tank.
- Things have stalled on the landfill shop, we still need to have the structure inspected for soundness, we will then know if we can use the existing building or if we have to start over.
- We installed a road access to the recently designated tire deposit.
- Signage is in the works for all of the landfill
- Friends of the landfill knocked it out of the park again with a very successful electronic waste recycling effort.

Streets

- With the impending winter soon to be upon us the streets department has been busy organizing parts such as chains, grader blades, tires as well as the yard at the shop.
- We have last years sand to mix before freezeup

- I have been scrambling in search of a new truck for the streets to use, something with a flatbed that would hold a sander would be ideal, not much luck as of yet, we have until September 16th to get something on the barge from Anchorage.

Water Waste Water

- The downtown streets rehabilitation project is taking up a lot of time for this department but when not being called out to give advice the 2 man crew has done great work at the lagoon and surrounding area ,
- Clearing of the alder overgrowth is an ongoing project.
- Cleaning the lagoons of invasive weeds has been done and looks good. For another year.
- We have has several requests for hook up to water and a couple more for wastewater. The water hook ups at times seem easy until we start to get into them and then a rats nest seems to appear. We are working our way thru the water hook ups one by one, the waste water projects are going to require a engineer to design lift stations.

Building and grounds

- Trying to find an assistant for this department has proved to be tougher than thought, we hired two different people, one lasted 3 days and quit, one never showed up, we will keep trying.
- The painting of the city hall stairway is almost finished, scaffolding is needed to do the final are above one of the stairways and to trim the upper corners
- A drop box has arrived for the city hall , this will replace the safe that was barrowed from the landfill.
- Boiler maintenance on the DPD has been an ongoing, we have changed out the fuel tank and going with an above ground one in hopes that the day tank inside will be able to lift the fuel into it that is needed to operate the boilers, hotwater supply and if needed the standby generator.

Shop

- The shop has been manned by the streets and foreman for a couple of weeks while our mechanic was dealing with some personal family issues, the good news is we are close to having all of the patrol vehicles out of our way and fixed... look for an update next month.
- Winter preparation is started and will be ongoing until fininshed, the goal is to have the graders, plow truck and loader ready for snow this year.

Port

- Business as usual at the dock , fish numbers are not totaled as of yet but as you know there were a record amount of fish caught and processed this year
- We are having a few issues with the large forklift and I hope to have a mechanic onsite from Pape' in September to put these oirls to bed for the winter
- Harbor is almost empty enough to pull ramps for the year, it has been a quiet fall with no major issues,

Jean

