June 11, 2021

Manager's Report to Council

From: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager

Week of June 7.

- 1. **Senator Murkowski:** I had a phone call with the Senator to go over our projects in the harbor. I let her know our first priority is the replacement of the floats and utility extensions and secondarily the Outer Breakwater which is a Corps of Engineers project.
- 2. **Cash Flow Statement:** Anita Fuller is working on a cash flow statement for the council to answer the question of whether or not we can expend \$2M out of General Fund Balance in the coming year. The last two months have been negative and we have burned through \$500,000 in cash. This means more money is going out the door than coming in in revenue. More on this issue by council time.
- 3. Vehicle Asset Files: There are no asset files for the vehicle. The landfill Bobcat was insured for \$20,000 but as you will see a new one will cost \$70,000. I am now suspect that all our assets are undervalued and were done so purposefully to save money on insurance. We will be reviewing everything with a fine tooth comb.
- 4. **ARP funding:** As you are probably aware the America Recovery Plan funding is held up due to a State requirement that the Legislature approve the disbursement. You have a resolution in your packet that is worded to empower me to accept the funds and execute any documents necessary. I believe this is a more prudent method for the resolution otherwise we will have to wait for the final number from the legislature and then have a hurry up council meeting to approve.
- 5. State of Alaska Airport lease for fire department: As you know we have an addition near completion for the Lake Road Fire Station. Our lease for Airport building expired May 26. I asked for and was granted and extension to the end of August. We will need to clean out the building at the Airport no later than the end of August.
- 6. **State of Alaska down town rehab project:** The Water and Sewer department does not have the blue prints they would like to have for down town services within the ADOT project. The contractor is finding appurtenances not on the plans. The good news is when they are done we will know where everything is. We should guard that information like its gold.
- 7. Landfill: You may have seen the PSA's regarding the landfill hours of operation, fish disposal area available, and incinerator firing back up, we are asking people to separate. And we got good news regarding the burned down shop building. An engineer has looked at the concrete and says it can be used again. This is great news. Now we need to remove the insulated panels and have the steel superstructure evaluated.

- 8. Lagoon Aeration Project: We are moving ahead with an RFP on the project. This project will be funded by an ADEC SRF loan which includes some forgiveness for the city's portion. I believe the council has seen this project before but let me know if you would like further information.
- 9. **Covid EO:** I will be meeting with Richard Thompson early next week to draft an EO with regard to Covid. Virus cases are on a downward trend and we need to discuss how to ramp down the EOC, which I propose to close down on June 30, 2021. There will more than likely be tasks that need to continue, the details we will be working out. So for things are looking good. And we can always ramp up our response if there is a break out of cases as seen recently in Ketchikan. Richard continues to process travel forms.