

STAFF REPORTS

a. Strategic Plan Report

**b. City Manager and Staff
Report**



October 24, 2023

MEMORANDUM

RE: November Council Report

It seems like yesterday; I was putting together last month's report. Here are some of the highlights of items that took place since my last report.

Thanks to Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation and Bristol Bay Native Corporation for the Heavy Equipment training that public work staff are going through as this report is written. The training is approximately 4 weeks in duration and city projects will be completed as part of the training session. Public works continues to get ready for winter. The goal this week and into next week is to grade our streets and make sure right of way areas are cleared of boats, cars, container vans, brush, etc. for snow clearing this winter.

This week the Fire Department has scheduled training. It continues to be stressful for not only our emergency responders but for public safety as our community experiences the tragic loss of life due to suicide. As I write this report, I do not have an easy solution to stop a decision made by one of community members to end their life. I just know for those of us left behind, we are left with many unanswered questions. I know that everyone in our community is valued. We get so focused on getting ready for winter, is that encroachment permit completed, is the election held, did meals get delivered to our seniors, are the streets graded, and did we post the Hyster equipment repair, etc. that we forget that we serve this community and its members.

By now, you have seen the new public safety vehicles. Our newly hired public safety officers are focusing attention on vehicle registration and traffic violations.

The Mayor's Sale is scheduled for October 27 and 28. We posted on the City's website and on Facebook. The Territorial Building is scheduled for demolition this month, October. As we moved into colder temperatures, the water line from the Territorial Building to City Hall this weekend, October 22nd froze, and personnel were called in to thaw the water line.

We are getting close to having a full staff at the City. The Administrative Manager position was moved to a level one position. We hope to fill the position with an individual who will work with the City Clerk and Planner. I will be looking at the Grant Writer and Deputy City Manager positions and posting those positions in November. Additionally, supervisors are completing employee evaluations. For some of our employees, they haven't had a completed evaluation since 2019.

I reviewed the Legislature's website for pre-filed bills in both the House and the Senate. Based on my initial review, I will send an email to our Lobbyist to get more information on these pre-filed bills.

I will be in travel status during the Council meeting and will zoom in. I am attending BBNC's Compliance Conference, November 1 – 3 but travel starts, Monday October 30 and my return

back on November 5. I have a scheduled BBNC Seafood Meeting on November 9th in Seattle. Travel is November 7th and return on November 9th. Just to give the Council a heads up, when I accepted the offer of the Acting City Manager position, I had already made travel plans to Mexico after the BBNC quarterly meeting (4th – 8th) in December. I will be out from December 10th and back in the office the afternoon of December 29th.

I hope to work with the Chair of the BBNC Shareholder and Corporate Relations Committee on the agenda for the upcoming Village Leadership Workshop that starts on December 7 and 8 on how municipalities, tribes and village corporations can work together. After meeting with Congresswoman Peltola's Chief of Staff, Anton McParland, during AFN week on Saturday, we discussed the requirement of match to access federal funding for Infrastructure monies. Many small communities in our region with limited taxation do not have the funds needed for the match. I explained to him the ANTHC Best Practice's Score is another limitation. Other items in our discussion were how municipalities need to work together to complete water tank inspections, or landfill inspections, the requirements of DEC, and the need for housing.

Finally, thanks to Patty's efforts, discussions with the Land Manager at Choggiung Limited, might result in access to overburden from the development of a gravel pit that then could be used as cover in our landfill. I added BBNC to this initial discussion and maybe by this could become a regional effort that impacts all our landfills in the region.