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MEMORANDUM

Date: 5-25-21
To: Chris Hladik, Interim City Manager
From: Jean Barrett, Port and Public works director
Subject: Monthly Report

I know it isn't right to start a report off with a question, but is May really over already? We have had 4 barges already, the dredge is in the harbor and close to 1/3 of the way done. We have been making a difference at the Public works department, a lot of it at the landfill. If this summer proves to be anything like the past few weeks it will be a whirlwind.

Dock As I said above we have had 4 barges already this summer, the crew has been flexible and worked well with all the construction going on around them.

- I am still awaiting a time that Pape' Machinery can come to Dillingham to give the Hyster 800 a thorough inspection and do some needed maintenance. I would like them to give us a trade in value so we can pursue a new Hyster 1050. More on this next month.
- I finally have a place to use up the grant money we have had on the books for the "Pollock" property. Both roll up doors are in need of replacement at the dock warehouse. I will get them replaced with a lightweight metal only door so we can put them up and down with a chain, no motor.
- Building and Grounds have ordered new bulbs for the hi-mast lights. They will replace them while the dredge is out from its winter resting spot under the west light pole.
- The University of Alaska Coastal Geography department is installing a tide gauge on the T dock to measure tidal changes. They also have a wave buoy just outside of Dillingham to measure wave action.

Harbor

- The Dredge is in the harbor and about a third of the way through the project. They were a few day late but have so far been making up for their tardiness.

- The Corps of Engineers made a visit to Dillingham last week with some of the higher ranking State brass. We had a very good discussion about our harbor, such as:
 - **What we have now** an aging infrastructure. Our float system is over 40 years old and the floats have more patches than original metal.
 - **What we had**, at one point in time we had approximately 8 million to put in a breakwater at the outer channel. This money was taken away when Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast of the United States.
 - **And what we would like to have**, money for the outer breakwater. This project is now almost triple at an estimated 22 million. Money for our shovel ready float system at the tune of 5.3 million. And while we're asking, another 1.3 million for a new water and sewer service to the south end of the harbor. This will allow better serve to the lease lots and the "Harbor Park" area.
 - We have had two Port Advisory meetings in the past weeks. We have met mostly to discuss the protocol for harbor use this summer. We will have the rules posted on the website and on our social media page as well as handouts for the fishermen when they come in for their stickers.

Public Works

- **Shop-** We have been busy working on small fires and continuing on to battle some of the bigger ones. We are making progress on all fronts.
 - We continue to battle the police vehicles. We have downloaded a program to help us re-flash the codes on one and have ordered another new engine on another. The new cruiser that came in on the first barge is getting all of the new stickers applied.
 - We have been readying the vehicles designated for the mayor's sale by removing all city stickers, emblems and radios.
 - We are expecting NC Machinery to be making another trip out here in the next few weeks to finish up some loose ends. They have an injector to replace on one of the graders to get the gearing to work properly. We have to get the compactor at the landfill working properly so we can correctly compact the garbage.
 - Attempts at resurrecting the 960 loader came to a screeching halt when we were unable to find a new or rebuilt governor for the engine. We have decided to put this into the mayor's sale and see if we can offload this headache.
 - We noticed a leaky fitting on the rear axle of the Volvo. We have had several codes come up pertaining to this. Special attention needs to be paid to this particular piece of machinery as it is the City's only working loader.
 - We have contacted Yukon repair about our Case 821. We continue trying to troubleshoot the issues this has over the phone as they are not able to send a mechanic out at this time.

- **Landfill** – good things are happening at the landfill,
 - I purchased more gravel to cover (2600cubic yards) the active cell, which was out of compliance. This layer of gravel which will make a huge difference in the ability to control the garbage. We will be able to maintain it a lot better when we can have a dedicated loader to help move the cover material. We're working on that.
 - The landfill shop has been completely cleaned out from the fire earlier this year. I got 6 public works employees to come out on Saturday May 15th and we cleaned all the burned materials out in 5.5 hours. Using PW employees allowed the landfill employees to continue their day to day duties.
 - We are building a road to make a dedicated area to dispose of tires. It is located between the wood lot and the recently closed ash cell.
 - I have signage on order for the landfill, the main gate, the active cell, the wood lot, and the inert material area, fish disposal dumping area, speed limit signs and gun range. We will be diligent in notifying customers they need to separate what they are bringing into the landfill area.
- **Water / Waste Water**
 - With all of the construction in the downtown area the W/WW crew has been on a short call list for locates of shutoffs, both old and new, and storm drain questions. We are finding a lot of old water service hook ups that had been abandoned and buried.
 - I am amazed with the cleanup at the sewer lagoon. The crew has cleared a couple of acres of brush. They have also done a great job clearing the sides of the lagoons so they are weed free.
- **Buildings and Grounds**
 - B&G is working on replacing lights.
 - We have had a ground water issue in the old red schoolhouse. Since the ground has thawed it seems to have subsided
 - We are gearing up to start landscaping and clearing brush around town, and on the walking paths on Lake Road.
 - We are moving the can crusher back to the Sr. Center. It had been moved to the landfill but was never been hooked up. The Friends of the Landfill Committee help with the aluminum can crushing and really pushed to have it moved back to the Sr. Center garage. Makes better sense to me to have it in the same spot as the can drop off area.
- **Streets**
 - The three person street crew has been a huge help in many different areas. They have been cleaning up the shop area and getting the mayor's sale vehicles ready for auction.
 - We have just recently covered the active cell at the landfill which will allow the trash to be covered on a daily basis as it should be.

- The recent dry spell has done two things: it has allowed the side roads to dry out so they are passable and gradable, but the areas that are dry are ungradable because they are too dry. It is a fine line we walk as far as grading goes.
- **Administration** It has been a month of moving and shaking. Doing both Port and Public Works has its daily challenges, but it is definitely doable. I feel that both jobs make a difference for the people of Dillingham and the fishermen that call our harbor their home for the summer.
 - Been working with the construction crews when needed. We seem to have a few questions needing discussion on a daily basis. There are a lot of old supply lines and pipes in the ground. Hopefully we will have them all mapped out for the next time this type of project comes along.
 - We are collectively (the finance department, the City manager and myself) working on a vehicle list. This will help us prioritize vehicles for replacement. We will update the spreadsheet we currently have and put it into a data base to use as reference in the future.
 - I have been in contact with NC machinery to get their tech back out to finish the servicing the Caterpillar machinery. This will happen in June.

That is all from where I sit

Jean