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MEMORANDUM

Date: 3/28/2023
To: Lori Goodell, Acting City Manager
From: Patty Buholm, Planning Department
Subject: Monthly Report – March 2023

Acknowledgements and Recognitions:

A special thanks to Basil Tilden in the Finance Department for the assistance in updating the MARS property cards. The MARS software is critical to having correct land ownership in the City Maps.

United Tribes of Bristol Bay (UTBB) did an excellent job on putting together and executing a Sustainability Summit in March, thanks to all that made this summit inclusive with the presentations and many resources that affected Class 1 Cities.

Department Accomplishment and Opportunities:

While in Anchorage for the Floodplain Management course, I was able to meet with Tyler Ellingboe with Bristol Environmental to check on the status of the Landfill Groundwater Wells Monitoring status and introduce myself to Tyler. At this time there are no new developments as he is also waiting for a response from the Alaska DEC if the wells still have to be monitored quarterly or bi-annually.

Attended the UTBB Sustainability Summit on March 23 – 24, 2023. Many local and regional participants were in attendance. This summit was extremely beneficial to attend as many at the summit shared ideas and resources.

Projects – Progress and Public Impacts:

- Maicel Fuhriman from ANTHC and I continue to meet on a weekly basis in an attempt to complete the housing assessment (ACHA) for Dillingham. We are continuing to call people, and I do “site visits” with her on the phone so our information is as accurate as possible.
- An email was sent to Bristol Engineers in request of engineering a concrete pad for the generator that will be located at the Wastewater Lagoon. Due to the weight and specifications of the arctic cover, it is best to have the pad engineered.
- Raven Electric is in Dillingham now 3/28/23 through 3/31/23 to complete the cut-over to underground power for the Dock and Sea Inn. The poles will be stripped of the overhead lines by Nushagak Cooperatives and will be removed later, after the

snow and ground thaw enough to remove. This will increase the usable land area for Dock crew for storage of containers/freight while unloading barges.

- Communication with the Green Star program has been frequent. Conversations surround aspects of the Landfill findings and what improvements can be made. With the assistance of the Green Star program director, Joy Britt, a submission for \$4,719,678.00 was made through the Murkowski Appropriation. This will be third on the list for requests from the City of Dillingham, however very much needed. I do realize there is a slim chance of receiving the funding, but I will continue to be hopeful that the funding is awarded.
- I continue to work with the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Environmental Health Office, the Public Health Commissioned Corp Officers, and ANTHC to increase the Best Practice Scores that affect the water and wastewater scores so additional funding opportunities become available to the City of Dillingham. Public Works Department and the Water/Wastewater Operator have been instrumental in increasing this score.
- The FEMA Floodplain training brought to light that more public outreach and education needs to occur in Dillingham about building and floodplains. I am working with Scott Van Hoff of FEMA to come to Dillingham in the early part of April to complete education on Building Codes, building within the Floodplain, and general education for Floodplain Insurance requirements as Dillingham is a participating member of the National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP).
- The land commercial assessment that was completed by the Alaska Appraisal and Consulting Group in April 2022 was delayed. They are on the final stages of completing the Commercial Appraisal of the Harbor properties. Once these are finalized, I will share the reports.
- I continue to work with updating the City Map, correcting addresses, with Alaska Map Company. Gary Greenburg, owner/operator of Alaska Map Company does plan on a site visit to Dillingham to train staff how to correct issues with the map, upload correct locations of manholes, fire hydrants, etc. Both the iPads and the Trimble were mailed to Gary to be updated with the newest software and check the accuracy of the Trimble. The tripod for the Trimble is now missing so another one will have to be ordered as the Trimble will not give accurate readings without it.
- The Harbor Dredging Contract went out for bid by the Army Corp of Engineers, and a Preconstruction Conference was held on March 17, 2023. One contractor was present for the pre-construction meeting. Once I am notified the contract has been awarded, I will share those results.

Upcoming Calendar Items:

FEMA public education, April 2023

Public Feedback: Many thankful phone calls for the Public Works and clearing snow.

Permits Issued: one, Burial

Land Use Permit:

Floodplain Permit:

List of Attachments: Floodplain Management Trip Report, UTBB Flyer