

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

### **CARES ACT GRANT OFFICIALLY CLOSED**

We received notice from the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development that our CARES Act grant has been officially closed with all expenditures paid and expended. A BIG thanks to our Treasurers Phoebe Vanselow and Eduarda Loggins for all of the hard work keeping our grant programs funded and our accounting accurate.

### **FEMA FUNDING UPDATE**

The Mayor and I have been working on finalizing work on the FEMA reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of the 2020 Flood Event. We have multiple projects within this effort and have been approved for \$35,937.64 for the Debris Removal project. We are within days of closing another project, and a couple of weeks before we close a third.

### **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT**

The Mayor has approved a rough draft for individual Council member review with staff, please contact the Treasurer or myself for a day/time the week of February 14. Once the budget reviews are completed with interested Council members, final adjustments will be made, and a work session will be scheduled.

### **CIP DELAYED**

I'm working out some details with the Mayor on the CIP. The CIP will be pushed to the March work session.

### **GUSTAVUS LIBRARY RECIEVES A LEAP INTO SCIENCE GRANT**

The library is the recipients of two additional grants. They both support outreach to our young patrons through literacy and E.S.T.E.M.(Environment Science Technology Engineering and Math).

The first one is *A Leap into Science* grant from the Alaskan Afterschool S.T.E.M. Expansion VISTA Program of the Alaska Children's Trust. Throughout the last several months a bi-monthly training on the topics of shadows, wind, and balance. The grant also includes books and hands-on materials for each topic. Librarians Jessie Soder and LeAnn Weikle are currently offering K-5<sup>th</sup> grade patrons Four Fun Fridays of E.S.T.E.M. and literacy after school.

The second one is from the University of Alaska Museum of the North Education and Public Programs. The Gustavus Public Library was selected to receive a really awesome *Sun Discovery Kit* that again is filled with literacy and hands-on materials for use in future programming.

### **FY23 BUDGET SCHEDULE**

We have finished the rough draft of the FY23 budget and Council member one-on-one meetings for those that were interested.

Next will be a budget work session. Staff proposes February 28 (Monday), followed by a Budget Town Hall Wednesday, March the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.

The budget would be introduced at the April or May GM, depending on need for modification.