

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY25-03**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT FUNDING REQUESTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus owns the sole source of gravel for use on city roads and for private and commercial use. With current extraction methods, available material from the gravel pits could be exhausted in the next few years. This project would extend the usefulness of the existing gravel ponds by implementing an alternative approach to the current gravel extraction procedures, allow for the purchase of additional land, allow for the purchase of gravel from outside the community, and help fund redirecting a creek fish habitat from the existing gravel pits; and,

WHEREAS, Glen's Ditch is the primary drainage route on the west side of Gustavus Airport, Wilson Road and Glen's Ditch Road. It was platted as a State DOT&PF-maintained drainage easement and constructed five decades ago to drain the airport ponds. DOT&PF has declined to clean it from Gustavus Road south claiming the drainage easement has expired. Because Glen's Ditch runs along a City road, it falls to the City of Gustavus to maintain and upgrade it to prevent flooding of critical airport lands and City roads. It is badly restricted by vegetation and requires cleaning and replacement of culverts to accommodate the increasing flow needs from heavier storms occurring. The City proposes to replace two culverts with simple "flat rack" bridges to prevent future restrictions due to isostatic rebound. The project will require engineering design and specifications by a consultant; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus Disposal & Recycling Center (DRC) balefill is outgrowing its existing footprint. The dwindling existing balefill area has served the community for the last thirty years. Taking into consideration community growth, and accepting waste from the NPS, the proposed expansion should give the DRC approximately twenty years of additional space while continuing to maintain the high standards of waste storage along with exemplary ADEC inspections that has been ongoing since the landfill's inception. Prolonging our balefill capacity keeps disposal local and prevents the City from having to consider the more expensive alternative of having to ship out its solid waste. The project also includes new monitoring wells, which is an ADEC permit requirement; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council approves and prioritizes the following FY25 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funding requests to the Alaska Legislature in the amounts indicated below and urges the Legislature and Governor to consider them favorably.

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| 1. Gravel Extraction Improvement Project | \$500,000.00 |
| 2. Glen's Ditch Cleaning & Culvert Replacement | \$100,000.00 |
| 3. Disposal & Recycling Center Balefill Expansion | \$110,000.00 |

PASSED and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council, this __th day of _____, 2025, and effective upon adoption.

Sally McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Liesl Barker, City Clerk