

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JULY General Meeting

While I was away for part of July, per our initial hiring agreement, I continued to work on some ongoing issues that needed timely answers toward resolution.

- Communicated with the Fire Chief in providing counselor availability regarding the 4th of July incident as well as other GVFD matters.
- Matters involving the fire department, PFAS, and the library are still ongoing. These concerns either require consultation with our attorney or are confidential, albeit time consuming. If you would like more general details, please see me or the mayor.
- Reviewed and provided feedback to librarians on updating the Gustavus Public Library Policies, which you have before you tonight. Additionally, the library plans to hire a temporary teenage intern to help support the summer literacy camp from August 15-18. This will be funded through a Community Foundation Grant received by the library.
- Worked with the treasurer to confirm and clarify insurance limitations covering damaged equipment related to the library's laptop.
- Continued communications with individuals, businesses, and agencies on the lack of phone service issues in Gustavus. This whole problem continues to be an extremely long and involved process. I hope to find out more from our congressional delegation who have been providing information on funding for infrastructure but most of it is broadband related. AT&T has told us that their engineers did an analysis, and a RF propagation study indicates the location at the Y would not provide the coverage needed. The external communications person we have been interacting with plans to send a couple of maps that provide the information once he gets back to the states from being out of country. Personally, I feel like we should have a professional opinion outside of that company. We'll look at their study first and see. IMO, they are not interested in investing anything that they believe won't pencil out. I plan to bring up this issue at the AML meeting in Sitka. I welcome any other suggestions from council members.
- We need to update an expiring, pre-city MOU with the NPS for solid waste. Besides operational language and rate structuring, I would like to include language that could assist with capital project funding down the road. Language that might include federal requirements, referencing of director's orders, etc., could prove helpful with funding requests. We think an ad hoc group should be formed to convene this fall so we can get a jump start on a new and helpful MOU.
- Comments or suggestions from council members?