

# Mayor's Monthly Report

September 2025

**Xunaa Borough:** As part of my August report, I gave a verbal update stating that the attorneys working on our case had identified that the record sent to the Court by the LBC was incomplete. They notified the LBC and filed a Notice of Incomplete Record in court on August 8<sup>th</sup>. They also filed a motion to request the court to stay the due date on the brief until the record is complete. We will be given a new due date for filing briefs. Once all the briefs are filed, responded to and oral arguments are held, a process that will take at least several weeks, the Court then has up to six months to make their decision.

**Staff Meeting:** No staff meeting in August. We will be back on track for monthly meetings starting September 10.

**Staff Evaluations:** We continue to work on completing staff evaluations. These take a surprising amount of time; we expect to complete all evaluations by the end of the year; then we can establish a schedule for regular annual reviews.

**Volunteer opportunities abound right now!** We are still seeking people to serve on the Ordinance Review Committee. I have put my name in; we can have up to two council members on the committee, and four or five members of the public. Election workers, volunteers to help with community emergency response planning, and very short-term volunteers for the Endowment Fund Grant review committee are all being sought.

## **Upcoming:**

- I will be attending the Southeast Conference Annual Meeting September 16-18 (Tues-Thurs), traveling to Sitka on Monday morning and returning Friday morning. I've included the draft agenda in my report; if there is anything anyone would like me to pay special attention to, please let me know.
- I plan to start up with a weekly coffee/tea with the Mayor starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. Flyers will be posted.

**Thank you:** I'd like to say a few words of appreciation to my fellow council members. Your support and respect for me and for each other means that together we can accomplish much to serve our community. You each contribute a unique perspective and individual strengths to our discussions. Every meeting offers me moments of humility and opportunities for learning and for being prepared to "do better next time"! Thank you for your commitment to the City of Gustavus.

Sally McLaughlin, Mayor