

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

STEEL FLOAT

At the October 5th Work Session, the Council acknowledged the public comment/requests to have the steel float, or wooden float(s) remain as long as possible to allow the resident community usage for food gathering and other fall activities. The Council directed staff to move the float as suggested by the Marine Facilities Advisory Committee and target early November – date dependent on weather and tides. Staff is in the process of contracting the work.

As you may remember, as part of the discussion and agreement for the DOT float project the City agreed to move the float each fall to protect both the float rebuild and the state dock modification. This requirement was primarily due to weather concerns.

CARES ACT PROJECT PROPOSALS

Marketing Gustavus \$21,000

As directed by the Council at the October 5th Work Session, staff is working with Susan Warner and the GVA to implement a project to provide assistance to small businesses and non-profits with marketing to five specific, recommended groups of independent travelers. The focus of the project is to assist in recovery from the pandemic.

The grant will provide each approved applicant with \$1,000. As with the business assistance grants, a City team will review and approve applications.

Gustavus Community Food Program - \$4,000. A commercial grade meat grinder and chamber vacuum sealer have been ordered and are on the way. The equipment will be located at the kitchen in Kimber's Garage, <https://kimbersgarage.com/contact/> with Kimber Owen volunteering as the Principle Equipment Custodian. User authorization forms and rules of use are in development.

An Alaska Subsistence Halibut Community Harvest Permit (CHP) has been received from NOAA. Kimber and Susan are working on developing a use agreement form and preparing to begin the program.

Processing and distribution of fish and game meat will be managed, as in the past, through the informal community volunteer networks such as Kimber's Garage, the annual Secret Santa distribution, the Gustavus school, and the Gustavus Chapel, with a particular eye to those most in need.

CARES ACT FUNDS

As we enter October, we get close to the time limit for using the CARES Act funds. We will need to spend 80% of our initial funds (\$304,915) to receive the additional \$125,000. We will need to file for the second payment and then spend 80% of the combined first two payments (\$405,130) to get the final payment of \$125,000. As you know, ALL funds must be spent by December 30, 2000. In addition to the receipt of all the funds, there is the process of spending the monies. Projects must be approved, staff needs time to design and get projects approved, and time for recipients to utilize the funds and submit receipts/reports to the City. Finally, the City needs to file the reports to the state to meet the deadline.

It takes significant time for staff to design, get approved, and implement projects. The Treasurer has done a magnificent job managing the different projects and reporting.

For a visual of the funds remaining, the spreadsheet attached to this report is as of October 5th and reflects what projects have been funded and the status of those projects by funds expended.