

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA**  
**RESOLUTION CY26-XX**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gustavus does not have a Public Works Department and therefore issues RFP's to contract with local businesses to maintain its 24 miles of gravel roads, city facilities access, and parking. Local contractors are limited to an undersized and severely aged equipment fleet in our remote community that is engaged in everything from gravel extraction and road/drainage maintenance, to snowplowing and snow removal. And since this equipment was found to be inadequate to perform the task of removing the extreme quantities of snow in an acceptable and safe manner during the recent December 25/January 26 record setting snow event, the City of Gustavus determined that in order to protect, manage and maintain local assets, thereby protecting public safety and reducing liability, it needs a piece of heavy equipment, when locally owned equipment is unavailable or inadequate. The City would also be able to utilize a large loader to help assist with our ever limited gravel pit extraction processes, as well as at our landfill and boat harbor for routine operations currently being accomplished with older undersized equipment; (or not at all) 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,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gustavus City Council approves and prioritizes the following FY26 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.

1. Heavy Equipment Procurement – CAT950 Loader w/ Attachments	\$538,530.00
2. Glen's Ditch Cleaning & Culvert Replacement	\$100,000.00

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council, this \_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, and effective upon adoption.

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Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

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Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk