

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY24-01**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING
REQUESTS**

WHEREAS, the GVFD lost use of its smaller fire truck, Engine 27, due to contamination from PFAS foam. The City of Gustavus wants to replace it with a smaller 4x4 1-ton pick-up truck with a skid unit. This truck would benefit the community by adding a vehicle to respond to fires in areas that Engine 1 is unable to reach. This truck would have a plow attachment to allow it to widen plowed areas during the winter when accumulated snow narrows roads and driveways, making it harder for the firetrucks and ambulance to access them. The skid unit would allow it to transport up to 200 gallons of water to wildland fires, and could include a patient basket allowing transport of patients from areas the City’s ambulance cannot currently access; and,

WHEREAS, the main DRC building serves as the customer interface for sorting recyclables and dropping off refuse, and also houses two balers and a glass pulverizer. The facility has outgrown its current operating capacity and a new building is needed to provide adequate space for normal operations that is safe for both customers and staff. With increased use and projected growth, a new building to house upgraded equipment in the future is necessary. This project would allow the construction of a new main building of 6,000 square feet with separate, dedicated areas for customer delivery and waste processing equipment. It would have a concrete floor and areas of the building with concrete push walls; and,

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 extraction system, such as a drag-line or dredge, along with support equipment, a truck scale, site preparation, and by identifying an operation plan, including staffing, training, and storage and selling of gravel; 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 due to climate change. 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council approves and prioritizes the following CY24 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. GVFD Truck and Skid Unit | \$90,000.00 |
| 2. Disposal & Recycling Center Main Building Replacement | \$3,832,560.00 |
| 3. Gravel Extraction Improvement Project | \$500,000.00 |

4. Glen's Ditch Design, Cleaning, and Bridge Installation

\$100,000.00

PASSED and **APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the Gustavus City Council, this __th day of _____, 2024, and effective upon adoption.

Shelley K. Owens, Mayor

Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk