

## **April 12, 2021 General Meeting**

### **Treasurer's Report**

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4/6/21

#### **Budget:**

The fiscal year 2021 (FY21) budget is in the home stretch, ending June 30. A non-code ordinance (NCO) is set to be introduced this month with adjustments for actual income and expenditures for this fiscal year and reducing our possible reliance on savings from the originally budgeted \$217,000 to less than \$75,000. I expect this number will decrease further but will know more after tax returns are received this month for the 2021 first quarter and after another month of expenditures are complete. The city has weathered the financial turmoil of the pandemic well thus far, thanks to assistance from the CARES Act, a partial tourism season in 2020, smart budgeting by the council and staff, and a healthy savings account that has not needed to actually be tapped as of yet for this pandemic fiscal year. I plan on bringing forward a final NCO for the FY21 budget at the May meeting.

The FY22 budget that begins July 1 is still under development with another work session scheduled for 4/8 5:30pm. At the time of this writing, several items are still being decided. There was a successful town hall on 3/29 to discuss the FY22 budget. Please contact me if you have any questions!

#### **CARES Act Relief Funds:**

CARES Act Relief funds have largely been spent with the exception of a few more facility improvement projects. A spreadsheet summarizing CARES Act expenditures is included in the General Meeting packet this month. Funds must be spent by December 31, 2021.

#### **FEMA Public Assistance for COVID-19:**

With the extension of the CARES Act spending deadline to December 31, 2021, many municipalities in the state are now re-examining their CARES Act expenditures to date to see if any of them are eligible for reimbursement through the FEMA disaster declaration (beginning 1/20/20), thus allowing the expenditures to be re-programmed to FEMA and the corresponding CARES Act funds freed up for other use in 2021. Staff are continuing to go through the process of submission of eligible projects to FEMA instead.

#### **American Rescue Plan Act Relief Funds:**

The ARP Act was signed into law on March 11, 2021. New guidance is being released weekly on the various funding programs authorized under this act and their allowed uses. This Act is wide-ranging, and staff are waiting for additional clarification on actual dollar amounts and allowable uses. The current deadline for funds to be spent is December 31, 2024.

#### **FEMA Public Assistance for December 2020 flood:**

Staff are waiting for the FEMA reimbursement process to move forward for the December 2020 flood response and mitigation work. Besides funds already expended, additional funds are sought for further drainage and flood mitigation work for city roads.

**Gustavus Airport COVID-19 Greeting/Screening Services:**

The contract with the State of Alaska for Port of Entry COVID-19 testing has been extended until the end of June 2021. The state is billed monthly for this contract.

**Endowment Fund Grants:**

Two Endowment Fund Grants were issued last December. The Gustavus Historical Archives and Antiquities has completed their grant expenditures, and the Tidelines Institute (formerly the Arete Project) grant is set to proceed this spring.

**Capital Projects:**

This month's General Meeting has a motion to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2025. This document includes the projects planned for funding in 2021 and identifies potential projects for future years. Projects are generally funded through the city's AMLIP (Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool) investment savings accounts (shown on the Balance Sheet in the monthly General Meeting packet).

As always, I'm happy to go over any of the financial reports distributed each month in the packet and posted on the city website and at City Hall, library, and Post Office, if anyone in the public has questions or wants me to interpret the reports!

Please keep your distance, wash your hands, and wear your mask!