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Memorandum

TO: Mayor Derek Haviland-Lie and Members of the City Council

FROM: The Office of the Interim City Manager, Russ Ferguson

DATE: February 2025

Report Narrative

The Mayor, Josh, and I attended several meetings in Juneau including

1. The State of Alaska Department of Transportation meeting with Commissioner Ryan Anderson, and Deputy Commissioner Katherine Keith.
2. Department of Corrections contingency
3. Department of Environmental Conservation Water, Solid Waste Management, and SRF staff on a Zoom and in person meeting combination.
4. Representative Burke and her staff
5. Senator Murkowski's office
6. Senator Olson's office
7. Governor Dunleavy's office

We presented them with our CAPSIS Priorities for 2025 provided in binders that were fantastically produced by Dowl. We gave them explanations for each of our 8 projects on both technical and community needs assessments.

We were well received by everyone and judging from their in-depth inquiries they showed genuine interest in the needs of our community.

TO: Mayor Derek Haviland-Lie and Kotzebue City Council
Acting City Manager Russ Ferguson

FR: Drue Pearce, Holland & Hart LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drue Pearce", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

February 13, 2025

RE: February Council Report

As I stare at a blank sheet of paper, I am frustrated that the activity level in DC is either at a standstill or moving so quickly that anything I write will be obsolete by the time you read this report.

On the executive side, the President and his team are moving quickly to make the changes he promised during the campaign. He is churning out Executive Orders, Proclamations and Directives 7 days a week and his agencies are scurrying to enact the changes. Resistance is growing, but a new approach has emerged as opponents of his actions file lawsuits, often in the judicial district where they believe the judges will be sympathetic. Many actions are being enjoined; leading to a bewildering array of policy changes being delayed but not returned to the previous status.

On the Congressional side, the Senate continues to work its way toward votes on all the President's nominees for hundreds of important positions. They have also moved a budget blueprint that could come to the Senate floor next week (the week of February 17). The floor action is affectionately called a "Vote-a-rama." Resembling an endurance race, this process is among the final obstacles on the road to a reconciliation bill.

Congress sometimes uses this special legislative process called "reconciliation" to quickly advance high-priority fiscal legislation. I am sure you have heard on the news discussion of whether Congress should pass "one big, beautiful bill" or separate immigration and tax bills this year. They are talking about reconciliation bill(s). There are many rules about what can and cannot be included in reconciliation bills; they make up "directives" to committees writing the bills that act on spending and revenue.

In the Senate, reconciliation bills are not subject to the filibuster, so the Republicans can direct controversial budget and tax measures with fifty-one votes. While the scope of amendments is limited, the number of amendments is not. A

final vote cannot be taken until ALL the amendments have been voted on. The minority party – in this case, the Schumer led Democrats – will force the Republicans to vote on controversial issues. There will be 24 hours of debate on the reconciliation bill prior to the vote-a-rama amendments: this marathon process can take well over 36 hours before the final vote. Watch parties are popular inside the Beltway as C-SPAN televises bleary-eyed Senators pulling all-nighters.

However, on the House side, progress is as elusive as spring after the latest Ground Hog Day. Speaker Johnson finds himself in the awkward position of daring his hardline conservative majority members to sink his budget resolution, which sets up a make-or-break moment in the House Budget Committee today, February 13. I would not hazard a guess as to the status of House budget reconciliation by the time you read this!

President Trump ordered the U.S. Mint to stop producing pennies, pointing out that each newly minted one cent coin costs nearly four cents to make. While he did not order a production halt on nickels, he publicized the fact that every \$0.05 nickel coin costs nearly \$0.14 to make. In an editorial flourish amidst the targeting of entire agencies to cut costs, Trump wrote “Let’s rip the waste out of our great nation’s budget, even if it’s a penny at a time.”

But that entire agency targeting is ramping up.

The President’s federal employee buyout offer was allowed to proceed when a federal judge lifted his pause. At the same time, civilian federal employees were informed of “reductions in force” February 12 as the White House attempts to cut agency budgets by 30 to 40 percent, on average. These plans are not finalized and are changing hourly. Some agencies will be exempt. Expect modest budget increases at the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security.

Expect unintended consequences and collateral damage as sweeping change is enacted.

In Delegation news, Senator Sullivan, who sits on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, led a press conference with Senator Murkowski and Representative Begich, Secretary of Transportation Duffy and National Transportation Safety Board Chair Homendy regarding the enhancement of aviation safety in Alaska. This followed the tragic Bering Air crash offshore Nome in the Bering Sea last week.

Senator Murkowski's portal for FY26 Congressionally Directed Spending (earmark) requests was open from January 2 until February 14. I worked with Tessa Baldwin as she prepared and submitted the applications for two requests at the direction of Mayor Haviland-Lie and Acting Manager Ferguson. These will be described in the City Manager's report.

The first two bills that Congressman Begich introduced on his first day in office were both considered and passed by the House of Representatives on February 4. The two bills were HR 42, *the Alaska Native Settlement Trust Eligibility Act*, and HR 43, *the Alaska Native Village Municipal Lands Restoration Act of 2025*.

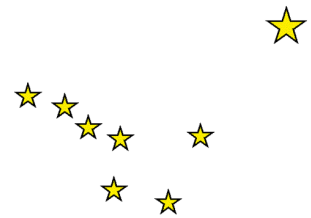
Find explanations of both bills at <https://begich.house.gov/media/press-releases/congressman-nick-begichs-first-two-bills-119th-pass-house> and subscribe to his newsletter at <https://begich.house.gov/contact/newsletter-subscribe>.

I will continue to share our Weekly Reports, which will be timelier than these reports.

Closing today with an article to heed as you make long range plans – from today's Washington Post. The title is "An asteroid could hit Earth in 2032. Here's why experts say do not panic." This, at least, will not be obsolete by the time you read it! <https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2025/02/13/asteroid-yr4-2032-impact-earth-explained/>



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Feb. 11, 2024

Alaska Legislative Update

The rhythm of Juneau seems to be one of fits and starts – lots of action followed by calm in the halls but big meetings behind closed doors. Negotiations on education funding between the legislature and the Governor started in earnest, slowing all other activities in the capitol building.

Education:

Following the Governor's introduction of his Education Omnibus bill, leaders in the capitol building came together to begin negotiations on education in earnest. Originally, the negotiating group included two representatives from each caucus in each body and two representatives of the governor. From the Senate Majority Sen. Bill Wielechowski and Sen. Loki Tobin, from the Senate Minority Sen. Mike Cronk and Sen. Mike Shower; from the House Majority Rep. Bryce Edgmon and Rep. Rebecca Himschoot and from the House Minority Rep. Delena Johnson and Rep. Justin Ruffridge.

The group has wide latitude to seek an education package that can pass both bodies and obtain the Governor's signature. We're hearing that the Majorities are focused primarily on the Base Student Allocation (BSA) – the amount of funding per pupil in the state. The current statutory BSA is \$5,960 per student. The BSA has become a rallying cry for many, and is an easy number to understand, but in the big picture of the state budget the BSA is only the input to a formula – the money put out by the state is much more sizeable than \$6,000 per student. The Governor and the legislative minorities are less focused on the BSA, and instead seem to be honing in on policy changes and overall education spending.

From what we're hearing in the capitol, these two divergent areas of focus are also the sticking points in negotiations. While there is general agreement that education funding should be increased, the amount of the increase – and whether any increase is sustainable – varies widely from as low as \$200 per student to nearly \$2,000 per student. Also challenging the fiscal debate with whether to simply increase the BSA, or to tweak the multipliers in the formula. Both result in higher total education spending, but they arrive there by different paths. On the policy side, charter schools and the Governor's "open enrollment" ideas are facing significant opposition by representatives of the majorities.

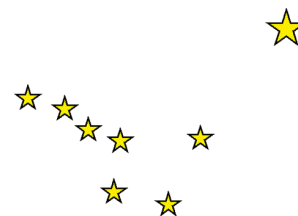
Negotiations haven't ceased entirely, but we are hearing that the group having substantive discussions has been winnowed down to the majorities and the Governor and are less frequent. Regardless, all parties hope to come to a conclusion in the next month in an effort to give school districts some sense of what to expect when presenting their budgets to their respective school boards in March.

Universal Service Fund:

An issue flying under the radar for many Alaskans—but one with major consequences—is now before the U.S. Supreme Court. The case could temporarily dismantle the federal Universal Service Fund (USF), which provides critical support for telecommunications and internet services in rural communities. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the government



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lacks congressional authority to administer the USF, and if the Supreme Court upholds that decision, funding will be cut until Congress intervenes.

Alaska currently receives \$509 million annually through the USF, including \$211 million for health care facilities and hospitals and \$110 million for rural schools. Without this funding, hospitals could face service disruptions, and rural students could lose access to online classes and testing—widening the digital divide.

In response, the House Labor and Commerce Committee has advanced HJR-6, a resolution urging Congress to act swiftly should the Supreme Court uphold the Fifth Circuit's ruling in *Consumers' Research v. Federal Communications Commission*. Joint Resolutions don't exactly carry the weight of law, but they do provide a formal sense and opinion offered by the Alaska legislature.

Psychedelic Medicine Task Force:

The psychedelic medicine task force, established under HB 228 last year, convened its first meeting last week to begin preparing for the potential FDA approval of psychedelic medications. Sponsored by (former) Rep. Jennie Armstrong and Sen. Forrest Dunbar, the task force will not take a position on the medicalization, decriminalization, or legalization of these treatments. Instead, its role is to develop policy recommendations should federal approval move forward. You may recall that Rep. Armstrong declined to run for office again – but she has been selected by the task force as an at-large member of the task force. The task force is currently co-chaired by Sen. Dunbar and Rep. Justin Ruffridge.

Alaska stands to be significantly impacted by these emerging therapies, given the state's high rates of suicide, addiction-related deaths, and domestic violence. Additionally, Alaska has a large veteran population, many of whom suffer from service-related conditions that psychedelic-assisted therapy could potentially address.

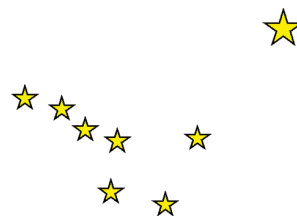
Bills Moving:

The Senate this week passed [SB-15](#), a bill which will allow for workers between the ages of 18-20 to handle alcohol (and in some cases, workers as young as 16). This portion of the bill has long been a priority of the Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association (CHARR), alcohol wholesalers, the state chamber and members of the tourism industry. The bill also includes a more controversial section, updating the language on warning signs posted in bars and restaurants to specify that consuming alcohol can cause breast and colon cancer. The sponsors of this fast-tracked bill, Sen. Kelly Merrick and Rep. Andrew Gray, have taken a hard position on their refusal to alter a single word of the bill.

The other bill passed by the Senate recently is a bill refusing the recommendation of a state commission addressing executive compensation. The compensation report recommends adjusting executive compensation annually to account for inflation – including the salaries of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Commissioners and legislators. If the House and Senate accept or take no action on the report, the recommendations will become law; refusing the report as the Senate recently did is the first step in stopping the recommendations from taking effect.



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We'll continue watching the bills and monitoring the halls here in Juneau, and we'll let you know as anything relevant happens. As always, please feel free to contact me or Ben if you have any questions.

All the best,

Ben Mohr

Eldon Mulder

Kotzebue City
Revenues with Comparison to Budget
For the 1 Month Ending January 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND

YTD Actual

GENERAL REVENUE

100-00-43116	Liquor Store Use Tax	5,314.28
100-00-43415	Animal Control Fees	50.00
100-00-43427	Notary Services	5.00
100-00-43435	Miscellaneous Permits	(425.00)
100-00-43520	Miscellaneous Income	145.10
100-00-43521	Land Sale Proceeds	321.00
100-00-43534	911 Billing Surcharge	8,556.90
100-00-43615	Building Rental	980.00

Total GENERAL REVENUE	14,947.28
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Total Fund Revenue	14,947.28
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ADMINISTRATION DEPT.

100-10-54125	Salaries & Wages	45,280.88
100-10-54130	Overtime Salaries	50.94
100-10-54140	Employee Benefits	12,878.53
100-10-54210	Electricity	886.59
100-10-54215	Heating Fuel	1,206.18
100-10-54325	Office Leased Equipment	1,555.26
100-10-54410	Telephone/Fax	2,190.39
100-10-54430	Dues & Membership	160.00
100-10-54436	Professional Services	4,230.00
100-10-54437	Audit Consulting	5,462.50
100-10-54438	Legal	20,452.25

Total ADMINISTRATION DEPT.	94,353.52
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CITY CLERK

100-20-54125	Salaries & Wages	5,769.22
100-20-54140	Employee Benefits	1,839.53
100-20-54410	Telephone	179.57
Total CITY CLERK	7,788.32	

Kotzebue City
Revenues with Comparison to Budget
For the 1 Month Ending January 31, 2025

GENERAL FUND

YTD Actual

HUMAN RESOURCES

100-20-54125	Salaries & Wages	11,826.94
100-20-54140	Employee Benefits	<u>4,318.83</u>
Total HUMAN RESOURCES		16,145.77

CAPITAL PROJ/PLANNING

100-50-54110	Planning Comm Stipend	150.00
100-50-54125	Salaries & Wages	18,866.39
100-50-54140	Employee Benefits	11,536.38
100-50-54410	Telephone	16.93
100-50-54436	Professional Services	<u>28,419.50</u>
Total CAPITAL PROJ/PLANNING		58,989.20

POLICE DEPT

100-70-54125	Salaries & Wages	61,457.61
100-70-54130	Overtime	9,427.50
100-70-54140	Employee Benefits	41,279.20
100-70-54210	Electricity	731.52
100-70-54215	Heating Fuel	2,180.53
100-70-54316	Operations Supply	16.25
100-70-54325	Office Leased Equipment	320.00
100-70-54410	Telephone/Fax	1,202.93
100-70-54420	Employee Rent	2,250.00
100-70-54436	Professional Services	287.50
100-70-54450	Freight Charges	<u>150.00</u>
Total POLICE DEPT		119,303.04

JAIL DEPT

100-75-54125	Salaries & Wages	33,799.99
100-75-54130	Overtime	5,786.55
100-75-54140	Employee Benefits	22,681.04
100-75-54210	Electricity	975.40
100-75-54215	Heating Fuel	10,877.20

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GENERAL FUND

		YTD Actual
100-75-54301	Clothing	389.89
100-75-54306	Food & Prisoner Supplies	2,440.00
100-75-54410	Telephone	962.91
100-75-54420	Employee Rent	2,750.00
100-75-54450	Freight Charges	150.00
Total JAIL DEPT		<u>80,812.98</u>

FIRE/EMT DEPT

100-80-54125	Salaries & Wages	45,880.90
100-80-54130	Overtime	6,015.45
100-80-54140	Employee Benefits	29,681.04
100-80-54210	Electricity	975.40
100-80-54215	Heating Fuel	10,877.20
100-80-54325	Office Leased Equipment	320.00
100-80-54410	Telephone/Fax	680.85
Total FIRE/EMT DEPT		<u>94,430.84</u>

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

100-90-54125	Salaries & Wages	63,394.69
100-90-54130	Overtime	473.72
100-90-54140	Employee Benefits	34,383.83
100-90-54201	Street Lighting	5,964.00
100-90-54210	Electricity	1,456.47
100-90-54215	Heating Fuel	15,612.62
100-90-54220	Building Maintenance	109.85
100-90-54325	Office Leased Equipment	320.00
100-90-54327	Small Tools	95.00
100-90-54410	Telephone/Fax	586.88
100-90-54450	Freight Charges	116.75
100-90-54505	Unleaded Gas/Diesel	17,835.77
100-90-54526	Light Vehicle R & M	3,016.04
100-90-54530	Heavy Equipment R & M	578.72
100-90-54600	Capital - Equipment	0.00
100-90-54625	Capital Purchase - Infra.	0.00
100-90-54901	Miscellaneous Expense	0.00
Total PUBLIC WORKS DEPT		<u>143,944.34</u>

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GENERAL FUND

YTD Actual

SMALL BOAT HARBOR

100-94-54210	Electricity	479.44
Total SMALL BOAT HARBOR		<u>479.44</u>

PARKS & REC.

100-95-54125	Salaries & Wages	12,420.25
100-95-54140	Employee Benefits	2,429.24
100-95-54210	Electricity	1,616.86
100-95-54215	Heating Fuel	2,431.96
100-95-54410	Telephone/Fax	151.50
100-95-54436	Professional Services	55.00
Total PARKS & REC.		<u>19,104.81</u>

OTHER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

100-96-54911	City of Kotz Scholarship Fund	4,250.00
Total OTHER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS		<u>4,250.00</u>

Total Fund Expenditures	<u>639,602.26</u>
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>(\$624,654.98)</u></u>
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Expense - Package Store CP		
469-93-54601	Capital Purchase - Constr.	42,833.05
Total Expense - Package Store CP		<u>42,833.05</u>

Total Fund Expenditures	<u>42,833.05</u>
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>(42,833.05)</u></u>
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Total Fund Expenditures	<u>42,833.05</u>
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>(42,833.05)</u></u>
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Kotzebue City
Revenues with Comparison to Budget
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GENERAL FUND

		YTD Actual
ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS		
Source 00		
601-00-49999	Capital Contribution	<u>0.00</u>
Total Department 00		0.00
MUS REVENUE		
Total MUS REVENUE		<u>0.00</u>
Total Fund Revenue		<u><u>0.00</u></u>
Water & Sewer Expenses		
601-10-54435	Postage	<u>300.00</u>
Total Water & Sewer Expenses		300.00
Water Expenses		
601-20-54125	Salaries & Wages	14,709.05
601-20-54130	Overtime	4,453.89
601-20-54140	Employee Benefits	12,532.20
601-20-54210	Electricity	13,129.23
601-20-54215	Heating Fuel	24,328.74
601-20-54315	Office Supplies	15.00
601-20-54410	Telephone	1,073.00
601-20-54436	Professional Services	35.00
601-20-54450	Freight Charges	133.74
601-20-54541	Lab Equipment/Testing	<u>818.84</u>
Total Water Expenses		71,228.69
Sewer Expenses		
601-30-54125	Salaries & Wages	29,933.37
601-30-54130	Overtime	2,237.08
601-30-54140	Employee Benefits	18,367.18
601-30-54210	Electricity	1,867.18
601-30-54211	Electricity-Sewage Lagoon	0.00
601-30-54220	Building Maintenance	0.00
601-30-54301	Clothing/Safety Equipment	0.00
601-30-54315	Ofc Sup/Equip/Maintenance	0.00
601-30-54316	Operational Supplies	0.00

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GENERAL FUND

		YTD Actual
601-30-54327	Small Tools	0.00
601-30-54331	Chemicals	0.00
601-30-54332	Pipe & Materials	0.00
601-30-54415	Travel/Loding	0.00
601-30-54425	Training	0.00
601-30-54436	Professional Services	0.00
601-30-54439	Insurance	0.00
601-30-54505	Unleaded Gas/Diesel/Oil	0.00
601-30-54525	Light Vehicle R & M	0.00
601-30-54526	Vehicle & Equipment R & M	0.00
601-30-54600	Capital Purchases - Pumps	0.00
Total Sewer Expenses		<u>52,404.81</u>

Total Fund Expenditures	<u>123,933.50</u>
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>(123,933.50)</u></u>
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REFUSE ENTERPRISE FUND

Total REFUSE ENTERPRISE FUND	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Fund Revenue	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
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Total REFUSE ENTERPRISE FUND	<u>0.00</u>
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Total Fund Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>0.00</u></u>
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ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS

Total Fund Revenue	0.00
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Total Fund Expenditures	123,933.50
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Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>(123,933.50)</u></u>
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ARCTIC SPIRITS REVENUE

603-00-43405	Retail Sales - Liquor	84,095.11
603-00-43407	Retail Sales - Tobacco	4,097.50

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GENERAL FUND

		YTD Actual
603-00-43408	Retail Sales - Miscellaneous	385.98
603-00-43425	Permitting Fees	1,950.00
Total ARCTIC SPIRITS REVENUE		<u>90,528.59</u>
Total Fund Revenue		<u><u>90,528.59</u></u>

ARCTIC SPIRITS EXPENSES

603-10-54125	Salaries & Wages	20,923.90
603-10-54140	Employee Benefits	(6,333.28)
603-10-54210	Electricity	495.94
603-10-54215	Heating Fuel	1,608.21
603-10-54321	Cash Overs/Shorts - Pkg Store	(3.31)
603-10-54400	Service Charges	116.19
603-10-54410	Telephone/Fax	131.34
Total ARCTIC SPIRITS EXPENSES		<u>16,938.99</u>
Total Fund Expenditures		<u>16,938.99</u>

Net Revenue Over Expenditures	<u><u>73,589.60</u></u>
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Recap

Revenue

GENERAL REVENUE	14,947.28
CAPITAL FUND	0.00
MUS REVENUE	0.00
ARCTIC SPIRITS	90,528.59
Total Revenue	<u>105,475.87</u>

Expense

GENERAL REVENUE	639,602.26
CAPITAL FUND	42,833.05
MUS REVENUE	123,933.50
ARCTIC SPIRITS	16,938.99

Kotzebue City
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GENERAL FUND

YTD Actual

Total Revenue

823,307.80

Net Revenue Over Expenditures

(717,831.93)

Public Works Department Report

January/February 2024

Russell Ferguson/Lorraine Hunnicutt

Public Works – Russell Ferguson, Acting City Manager and Lorraine Hunnicutt, Acting Public Works Director until we find a City Manager.

Water Treatment Plant – There was a potassium permanganate spill at Devil's Lake which was reported to ADEC. There is no cause for alarm as we use it to treat the water. One of the pumps went down at Devil's Lake and while it was down, we were losing a foot of water per day. The pump was switched out but now there is a water leak on Lagoon Loop and with all the snow it's hard to determine where the water leak is, and we are losing a foot of water per day.

Building Maintenance – For a complete record of the work orders – on Public Works Assistant Directors computer. Reports are from December 24, 2024, through February 13, 2025. There were thirty-four (34) work orders generated. Six (6) - Public Works & City Hall; Two (2) - Police Department; Five (5) – Arctic Spirits; Five (5) – Water Plant; Seven (7) – Youth Center; Two (2) – Fire Hall and One (1) – Lift Station.

Streets Department – There were twenty-seven (27) work orders generated. Eighteen (18) – Elders driveways and the rest were miscellaneous. We are currently advertising for a temporary operator to help with snow removal

Shop Department – there were twenty-nine (29) work orders. Eight (8) Heavy Equipment; Three (3) KPD; Eight (8) light vehicles; One (1) KFD; Six (6) equipment. The L150 is up and running, we have parts for the L110 that need to be installed.

Line Maintenance – there were thirty-seven (37) work orders generated of which twenty-four were billable \$7,205.00.

Refuse Department – we had two people come up from Blankenship to do repairs on the Baler Machine, there is a lot more work that needs to be done to extend the life of the Baler Machine.



City of Kotzebue, Alaska
Police Department

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Christopher Cook, Chief of Police



To: City Manager Russ Ferguson
Re: Kotzebue Police and Jail Activity Report

Date: 2/10/2025

Since the Kotzebue Police Department's last activity report, the police department has responded to 713 calls for service (January 2025), a 35% increase from the month of December. Calls of note for the month of January were 13 Domestic, 11 Intoxicated Persons, 24 Welfare Checks, and 40 Animal Control Calls. For a complete list of calls for service see the attached report. Calls for service occurred most frequently on Wednesdays between the hours of 04:00 am to 05:00 am.

The Kotzebue Regional Jail processed 30 prisoners during the month of January, a 36% increase from December (47).

Community Policing:

- KPD officers had 367 public relations, safety, and assistance contacts with the citizens and business owners of Kotzebue during the month of January.
- KPD officers conducted 100 security checks of businesses, or other locations within the city.

Staff Development and Training:

- Sgt. Meier, Sgt. Buege are participating in Police One Leadership Training: Leadership 1-8, Leadership Academy, Leadership and Law Enforcement, Leadership Essentials, Leadership for the New Supervisor, Leadership in Law Enforcement, Leadership Skills Using the "Abilene Paradox," Leadership Styles, Leadership Tips for New Supervisors, and Leadership vs Management.
- All officers are participating in Police One Trainings; Ambush Awareness and Preparation, Anti-Bias Training, Autism for Law Enforcement: Definition and Prevalence, Autism for Law Enforcement; Promoting Safe Outcomes, Below 100; Watch Your Speed, Be Smart With Your Smart Phone; Law Enforcement Use of Personal Devices, and Career Professionalism.
- Sgt. Buege completed certification for drone pilot program.
- Met with HIDTA Director Ed Mercer about information for the interest in Kotzebue joining. HIDTA is a drug taskforce that helps communities eliminate drugs in the community.
- Met with DOC for quarterly Chief's meeting.
- Met with MMIP on 01/06/2025
- Received new Community Jail Standards and Operations from DOC
- The Police Department hired Stefanie Jones for the Victims Advocate position.

Community Service Officers:

- The Community Service Officers responded to 44 calls for service regarding animal complaints, a 4% Decrease from December.
- The CSOs impounded 5 dogs.
- 2 animal(s) were adopted or rescued. (2 since beginning of the year)
- 0 animal(s) was euthanized in January. (0 since the beginning of the year)
- Served or attempted to serve 0 court documents.

Christopher Cook / Chief of Police



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Calls For Service Totals By Call Type

01/01/2025 to 01/31/2025

Call Type	Totals
AGAS AGENCY ASSIST (NON LAW ENFORCEMENT) M	9
ALAR-U ALARM UNFOUNDED	4
AMBU AMBULANCE	2
ASLT ASSAULT	4
BURG BURGLARY	1
CDLM CONTRIBUTION TO THE DELIQUENCY OF A M	1
CHAB CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT	1
CIVIL CIVIL	22
COURT COURT APPEARANCES	1
CRIM CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	1
DAMA DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY	1
DBTX DECEASED/REMAINS TRANSPORT	1
DISC DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2
DIST DISTURBANCE	11
DOGY ANIMAL CONTROL	40
DOMS DOMESTIC	13
DUI DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	3
DVORDER DV ORDER SERVICE	4
FIGH FIGHT	2
FRAD FRAUD	2
HARA HARASSMENT	1
INTP INTOXICATED PERSON	11
JAOFF JAIL ASSIST OFFICAL(BOOKINGS=AST, COU	2
JCON JAIL CONTRABAND	1
JPTRN JAIL PRISONER TRANSPORTS	2
MVC-D MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH-DAMAGE ONLY	4
MVC-I MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH-INJURY	1
PASS PUBLIC ASSIST	321
PHN Phone Call	1
POLYCOM INMATE COURT	6
PROV PROBATION VIOLATION	2
PSAF PUBLIC SAFETY	2
PUBR PUBLIC RELATIONS	34
SALT SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
SAMI SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR	1
SCHOOL SCHOOL PATROL	12
SECU SECURITY	100
SUCD SUICIDE/SUICIDAL/ATTEMPTED/POSSIBLE	3



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01/01/2025 to 01/31/2025

Call Type		Totals
SUM/SUB	SERVING SUMMONS/SUBPOENA/ORDER TO SHO	3
SUSP	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/VEHICLE/ACTIVITIES	5
THEF	THEFT	3
THRE	THREATS	6
TRAF	TRAFFIC	12
TRAIN	DEPARTMENT TRAINING	1
TRES	CRIMINAL TRESPASS	5
TSA	TSA ASSISTS/AIRPORT SECURITIES	6
VEHSTOP	VEHSTOP	1
VETH	VEHICLE THEFT	2
WARRANT	WARRANT (ARREST, BENCH, DAY, AND SEAR	12
WEAP	WEAPONS	2
WELF	WELFARE CHECK	24
Grand Total for all calls		713



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Calls For Service By Time of Day / Day of Week

01/01/2025 to 01/31/2025

Time of Day / Day of Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
0000 - 0059 Hrs	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	10
0100 - 0159 Hrs	3	0	2	4	1	3	1	14
0200 - 0259 Hrs	0	1	1	3	2	0	2	9
0300 - 0359 Hrs	0	0	1	4	1	3	0	9
0400 - 0459 Hrs	7	0	1	7	18	17	7	57
0500 - 0559 Hrs	5	10	5	1	2	0	9	32
0600 - 0659 Hrs	1	3	0	6	6	11	2	29
0700 - 0759 Hrs	0	1	1	5	1	5	4	17
0800 - 0859 Hrs	5	12	5	6	11	6	2	47
0900 - 0959 Hrs	1	7	9	5	5	9	2	38
1000 - 1059 Hrs	2	7	5	7	12	4	6	43
1100 - 1159 Hrs	2	8	11	12	10	2	6	51
1200 - 1259 Hrs	1	5	9	12	9	10	3	49
1300 - 1359 Hrs	5	4	9	13	6	5	4	46
1400 - 1459 Hrs	0	9	3	3	6	3	5	29
1500 - 1559 Hrs	2	6	12	5	6	6	7	44
1600 - 1659 Hrs	3	1	9	6	4	5	6	34
1700 - 1759 Hrs	3	3	7	3	7	0	2	25
1800 - 1859 Hrs	2	2	5	12	4	2	4	31
1900 - 1959 Hrs	2	2	3	7	7	5	3	29
2000 - 2059 Hrs	1	1	2	6	6	5	4	25
2100 - 2159 Hrs	0	1	7	2	2	3	1	16
2200 - 2259 Hrs	2	2	4	2	0	3	1	14
2300 - 2359 Hrs	0	0	4	1	3	2	5	15
Total	51	85	115	132	131	110	89	713

City of Kotzebue - Parks and Recreation

January 2025 Report

Staff Updates

- **Program Coordinator:** The Parks and Recreation Department has hired Martin Nanouk III as the new Program Coordinator.
- **Janitor:** Angela Ipalook has been hired as the new city-wide janitor, responsible for City Hall, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation facilities.
- **On-Call Attendants:** Interviews are ongoing to hire additional on-call attendants to assist during short-staff situations.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC)

- The next PRAC meeting (5th meeting) is scheduled for February 19 at 5:15 PM in the City Hall chambers.

Special Events

- **Arctic Circle Spring Festival:** Planning for the 2025 festival is underway! The first meeting was held on February 18 at 12:00 PM at the Youth Center.
- **Marathon Hosting Possibility:** The department is currently exploring the idea of hosting a marathon in Kotzebue, which would serve as a major community event. Further discussions and logistical planning are ongoing.

Boat Harbor Improvements

- **Ramp Extensions:** Snow has been cleared from ramps to facilitate the construction of ramp extensions. The railing will be fabricated first.

Youth Center

- **Rentals:** The Youth Center has been in high demand, frequently booked on weekends, sometimes with multiple renters on the same day.
- **Youth Nights:** Additional Youth Nights, in collaboration with the Parks and Recreation Department and Maniilaq, are being explored.
- **Boiler Room Floor:** The boiler room floor requires replacement. If a suitable contractor is secured, repairs are expected to take place during the summer. An RFP will be issued soon.
- **Swing Dance Class:** The Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Chukchi Campus, recently completed a Swing Dance class. Due to strong interest, a new dance opportunity is being planned for the first quarter of 2025.
- **Dance Fit Class:** Ongoing every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
- **Toddler Time:** Continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, with participation from Nikaitchuat School and individual families. January sessions averaged about 25 children per session. Special toddler time is also available for home-schooled students on a case-by-case basis.

Armory

- **Operations:** The Armory gym is open and operating under normal hours.

Open Gym (School Gymnasium)

- **Basketball Schedule:**

- **Sunday:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- **Monday - Wednesday:** 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

January 2025

Arctic Spirits Manager's Report

To: Russ Ferguson – Acting City Manager
CC: Mike Laughlin, Paeton Schaeffer
From: Jamie Lambert, Arctic Spirits Manager
Date: February 4, 2025
Re: Arctic Spirits Manager's report and monthly recap comparison

The following is a calendar recap for January 2024 as compared to January 2025.

Total revenue collected in January of 2024 was \$221,733.69 compared to \$229,686.39 in January of 2025. This is an increase of \$7,952.70. or 3% more revenue than this time last year. There were 25 sales days in January of 2024 and 25 sales days in January of 2025.

In January of 2024 we had 4,529 customers compared to 4,622 in January of 2025. This is an increase of 93 customers. The average sale in January of 2024 was \$48.96 compared to \$49.69 in January of 2025 or an average of \$0.73 more spent per customer this year compared to last year.

Cigarette sales in January of 2024 were \$4,348.23 as compared to \$8,752.26 in January of 2025. This is an increase of \$4,404.03 in tobacco sales compared to this time LY.

The Delivery Site 1 logged transactions.

The number of 10-day permits issued was 133.

The number of 30-day permits issued was 7.

The number of 90-day permits issued was 2.

The number of 180-day permits issued was 12.

The number of one-year permits issued was 39.

Total Permits sold \$4965.00

Total Delivery Site fees \$40.00

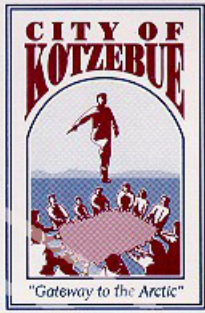
Total - \$5,005.00

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At least 5 permits were newly suspended or revoked due to background checks, public intoxication reports, and COR/judgement paperwork sent from the jail. We received about 9 COR/judgements to update within our system.

Inventory for January 2025 has been completed and filed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions,
Jamie Lambert - Arctic Spirits Store Manager
(907)442-4000 or (907)412-0747



02/20/25

Planning Director: February RCCM Report

I. Permits for month of January

- a. Building permits
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 0 issued
- b. Moving permits
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 0 issued
- c. Excavation permits
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 0 issued
- d. Variance Requests
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 1 issued
- e. Tidelands permits
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 0 issued
- f. Subdivisions
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 1 issued

II. AHFC Last Frontier Housing Initiative

- a. Contract signed with KIC for development and construction 02/12/25.

III. Lagoon & Swan Lake Loop Replacement

- a. RFP awarded to DOWL October 2024.
- b. DOWL has been working on desktop study since October and came to Kotzebue this week to collect more information about water system.

IV. 2024 October West Coast Storm Disaster Recovery

- a. Upgraded to federal disaster January 15th opening up federal funds and resources for disaster recovery
- b. First meeting with FEMA held this week to discuss federal process for disaster recovery.

V. Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update

- a. Completed update with DOWL and project team October 2024.
- b. Updated HMP adopted by City Council at November RCCM on November 21st.
- c. The updated HMP has been submitted to the State and FEMA for

approval.

- d. State has recommended revisions before State approval and FEMA submittal. DOWL and project team working on revisions and will resubmit 02/16/25.
- e. Upon State and FEMA approval, the City will have an updated HMP valid until December 2029.

VI. Recreation Center

- a. \$1 million has been allocated by Senator Peltola for a new Multipurpose Emergency Shelter and Command Center.
- b. EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant for States and Tribes (CWAGST) through DEC Brownfields Program.
 - i. DEC applied for program in November 2024, award notification will be sent in late spring 2025.

VII. CAIN Building

- a. Planning Commission passed resolution recommending building to be used as heavy equipment storage until June 2025 at which point building utilization will be reassessed.
- b. Resolution adopted by City Council at regular meeting on January 2nd.

VIII. Cape Blossom Road/Port Project

- a. Planning for Phase II has begun. Construction to begin Summer 2025 and finish Summer 2026.
- b. Two open houses hosted by DOT to discuss details of project with community.
- c. Met with selected consultant for development of port using Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Grant on December 5th.
- d. Price and scoping meeting on December 9th rescheduled.

IX. Land Disposal: Sale of City-Owned Property to NVOK

- a. Sales agreement has been finalized between City and Tribe.
- b. Following items remaining:
 - i. Survey received and working on subdivision of the property approved.
 - ii. Tribe to submit payment for property.
 - iii. City will officially transfer ownership to Tribe through quitclaim deed.
 - iv. Ashley Johnson-Barr (AJB) Park repairs to be done by City.
 - v. Tribe will take over responsibility and maintenance of AJB Park