



05/15/25

Planning Director: May RCCM Report

I. Permits for month of April

- a. Building permits
 - i. 2 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. 1 pending
 - ii. 0 issued
- f. Subdivisions
 - i. 0 pending
 - ii. 0 issued

II. 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.

III. 2024 October West Coast Storm Disaster Recovery

- a. Upgraded to federal disaster January 15th opening up federal funds and resources for disaster recovery
- b. Attending weekly meetings with FEMA Recovery Scoping to identify recovery/mitigation projects and work on reimbursable costs.

IV. Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update

- a. Updated HMP adopted by City Council at November RCCM on November 21st.
- b. The updated HMP has been submitted to the State and FEMA for approval.
- c. **Status:** State of Alaska approved, FEMA has finished review, need changes made to approve.

- d. Upon State and FEMA approval, the City will have an updated HMP valid until December 2029.

V. Recreation Center

- a. Capital Project Fund (CPF) submitted with Congressman Begich's office.
- 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.

VI. 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. Utilization options reviewed at Planning Commission Meeting on May 14th. Recommendation resolution will be submitted at next regular City Council meeting.

VII. Cape Blossom Road/Port Project

- a. Planning for Phase II has begun. Construction to begin late Summer 2025 and finish Summer 2026.
- b. Two open houses hosted by DOT to discuss details of project with community.
- c. Borough led initiative to extract gravel from Iggy Hill for project.

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

- a. Sales agreement has been finalized between City and Tribe.
- b. Following items remaining:
 - i. City has officially transferred ownership to Tribe through quitclaim deed.
 - ii. Piling placement work has been started by Tribe.
 - iii. Ashley Johnson-Barr (AJB) Park repairs to be done by City.
 - iv. Tribe will take over responsibility and maintenance of AJB Park