

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

May 18, 2023

June/July traffic safety months:

This June and July the NPD will be stepping up traffic enforcement especially those individuals driving ATVs. While ATVs are now allowed to operate on state roads. To drive an ATV on state roads the vehicle must be licensed, have a vehicle tag and insurance. In addition, children are being seen operating ATVs on local roads without parental supervision.

This past Sunday ATVs were being driven on state roads and were not in compliance with state law. With the State of Alaska having the highest incidents of Traumatic Brain Injury in the nation, hopefully the city can help prevent unnecessary injury.

The NPD will be advertising these safety months and initially issue warnings to any violators. I have also asked the NPD to propose ordinance changes for the Common Council to consider to bring our ATV ordinance in compliance with state law.

Youth Missing:

A teenager in our community went missing on Monday night around 10pm. Immediately, the NVFD Search and Rescue team was called and NPD went on high alert to locate this young person. A helicopter was called in to search along the sea ice. Areas around the city were searched for him. Despite being exposed to the elements overnight, he was located the next afternoon by the NPD and transported to Norton Sound Hospital.

Kudos to all who participated in the search!

MOU on Alcohol:

The first review of the MOU on alcohol sales for the past three months, with the store managers and Scot Henderson, took place on May 9. The store managers reviewed how they were working together and sharing information with each other. The stores goals are not to sell to intoxicated customers and "runners" who were providing alcohol to others.

The NPD is also working on the list of those who have conditions of release involving alcohol to provide to the store managers.

City statistics show that Sunday is now the quietest day of the week for police and ambulance services. Statistics also show that between the hours of 9pm to Midnight, public services are at their highest level of demand due to alcohol and drugs. It also was discussed with Northwest and Carrs to consider reducing their hours of dispensing of alcohol service by closing at 9pm.

Corp of Engineers:

The Corp this past Wednesday held a public presentation at the Mini to update the public on the port development project. Despite the numerous meetings and the tribal outreach by the Corp, those present felt there was not enough communication and consultation with the public and tribal communities.

City Insurance:

To help reduce insurance costs, I am allowing a deductible of \$10,000.00 on our Public Liability Policy and NPD liability. This will save the city \$20,230.00. Staff is also reviewing our deductible levels on city vehicles to see if the savings would make a difference.

NOAA:

Rear Admiral Benjamin Evans and his staff were in Nome for an overnight visit and stopped in to inform the city that NOAA was updating their charts from the impact of Typhoon Merbok.

City Clerk:

Bryant Hammond has submitted his resignation as city clerk. He will be leaving the city on July 2nd.

NPD:

Accreditation continues to move forward with policies and procedures being updated to meet accreditation standards.

Since January 1, 2023, NPD has seen twelve sexual assaults. Six cases are closed and six cases are being actively investigated.

City Wide Cleanup:

The planned cleanup will proceed on May 30 through June 3. With the present snow melt, it appears the event can be held. Bounties of \$100.00 will be paid for cars and trucks and \$50.00 for ATVS and snow machines.

Public Works:

All items in the PWB are being removed that were not destroyed by the fire. Unexpectedly, charred timbers have been found as the building is stripped to the studs. AML/JIA will be sending a structural engineer to help determine what to do this additional damage.

The City will be using storage containers to continue to sort through old records, museum items and library materials.