

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

January 25, 2021

**CARES Funding:** The finance staff has now processed 2173 checks for Phase 5. The final batch of checks are being mailed this week. About 20 applications are left to be processed. The 20 applications were incomplete by either omission of SS# or lacking signatures. Phase 6: all business and employee checks have been mailed. Phase 4: Most businesses have been sent their checks.

**Union Negotiations:** City staff is meeting with union employees to negotiate a new three year agreement.

**City Hall Ventilation:** the heating and ventilation system is over 42 years old. The control system was replaced in 1990. I am requesting that we proceed with design. Estimated at \$39,000 based on a 2015 report.

**Public Safety Advisory Commission:** The Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 1, at 6pm in council chambers. The new use of force policy will be on the agenda.

**NEST:** NEST will be vacating the Mini early next week. Many of the non-housed in our community have now been vaccinated. I am meeting with the Day Shelter to discuss their plans.

**Iron Dog:** The race is scheduled to proceed, but with changes due to COVID-19. All racers will be tested daily along the trail. There will be no dinner in Nome. The racers only will be allowed in the City of Nome garage. The number of racers is about 72. Iron Dog is expected to have six support personnel while in Nome.

**NPD:** the number active cases of sexual abuse has been reduced to 22 for current cases and the 461 old sexual abuse cases. Five rape kits have been processed to the Bode testing lab for quicker results.

**Pool:** The pool levels have been restored. PH levels are now being adjusted. Training and guard preparation soon will start. The goal is to have the pool re-open by early February.

**Gym:** The gym is open, the weight room is open and bowling has returned. The sauna will continue to be closed until its deemed safe to open.