

To: Mayor and Common Council

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: Manager's report

March 5, 2021

COVID-19 Vaccinations:

City Hall will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:30-7:30 starting March 9th and for the rest of March for vaccinations. This is a joint effort by EMS and NSHC. My hope is to get to the percentage of people necessary achieve to herd immunity. As of this past Monday, Nome is at a vaccination percentage of 68% of adults. There is no child vaccine at this time.

Steadman Park:

I have reached out to John Blees on the cost of recapping Steadman Park and fixing the basketball court to allow re-opening the park this year. At this pointing, the City is looking at a cost of \$50,000.00.

Recreation Center:

Discussions are being held to re-locate the skating rink. This City is discussing with John Blees the cost of relocating the skating rink. Most of the boards at the current skate park will need to be replaced at the new park. The Nome Winter Sport Association currently has \$57,000 in NSEDC funds to assist.

I would also like to see development of an outdoor basketball court. The cost of this will be discussed with Mr. Blees

The pool is now fully opened. Chip has been able to secure enough life guards.

Chip is working on basketball tournament for March. Kinder Gym is opening on a trial basis with the intent on expanding to more days. And, the bowling league could not get enough teams to move forward at this point.

The City will be sponsoring a kid's race with snowmobiles during Winter Festival. Releases will be required for all of the participants.

Finance:

Nickie Crowe has accepted the position of Finance Director. I will be discussing with the Council as part of the budget process in upgrading an Account Technician to an Assistant Finance Director.

Vacancies: Currently, the City is seeking to fill positions for Police Officer, Maintenance Worker, Custodian, Deputy City Clerk and Dispatchers. IT Manager, HR Manager and Community Service Officer will be in the next round of advertising.

Rabies Vaccination:

Because of the continuing fox problem, the city will be working with the Hospital to provide free Rabies vaccination. The clinics will happen at City Hall on Fridays from 3:00-6:00. It started this Friday.

I am also meeting with a potential trapper to begin looking at trapping options.

Public Safety Advisory Commission:

This past Monday, the PSAC Commission met for the first time in six months. The Commission reviewed the "Use of Force" policy and recommended adoption. The NPD will begin training on the new policy and each officer will sign a statement that he understands and read the policy. And, they will meet again at their next meeting to continue discussing accreditation. Mr. Russell was unable to join the meeting.