

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's Report

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Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office:

The AMCO will be in Nome for their quarterly meeting this week. On Monday from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm, AMCO will hold a public meeting to discuss alcohol related issues affecting the City of Nome. The meetings on Monday will take place in the council chambers.

The Rec Center ball field:

The adult field has been completed with fencing installed, a new "in place" back stop completed and the bases in place. The backstop was replaced because it fell apart and trying to repair had become too difficult. The youth field is next and the youth field dugouts also will be painted.

Visitor Center Contract:

I have placed the Visitor Center contract on the agenda for approval. The Executive Director would not agree to my requests. I am only agreeing to recommend this because contract I now want to develop plans on the future of the Visitor Center. The City of Nome will be investing time and materials to repair the Center to a standard that I believe is important to show the City of Nome in the best light. I think it is also important for the city to understand with the vacancies in the visitor center staff on how those unused funds for salaries is spent.

Recreational Activities:

I have asked Chip Leeper to form a study group on how we can expand our youth activities to serve various age groups in Nome. It's important to know what activities our youth and young adults are interested in today. How I define youth activities at my age perspective is different from how the current youth may view it. By developing a plan, and with approval from the council, it will allow the city to look at youth activity development and funding. Just as an FYI, the Recreation Department does not have a programmer for sports activities.

Swimming Pool:

City staff will be working with Bob Walker to perform the necessary repairs to the swimming pool. Staff is still waiting for the final proposal from him for work anticipated to be done in late August and September.

Health Care Committee:

The Employee Union and Nickie Crowe and I are meeting to discuss the cost of healthcare for employees and their dependents. This includes reviewing benefits that could be offered to save money for the employees and the city.

Our current plan with Aetna is not "in" network with Norton Sound Hospital. I am trying to determine what, if any, the true cost of the impact of not being in network is to the city.

The Mini:

The city staff is getting positive reviews from the improvements to the Mini. If you have not been down to the building, please contact me and I will take you inside.

Other buildings scheduled for minor refreshing is the Visitor Center (sometime this fall/winter) and the Rec Center lobby hopefully during the rainy season of August.

Governor Dunleavy:

The Governor will be in town on Monday meeting with community representatives on energy needs and he will visit the port.