

TO: Mayor and Common Council

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Manager's Report:

Homeland Security Grant:

The City with Kawerak applied for a grant from Homeland Security. The original grant request was for \$309,037.59. The City and Kawerak received \$46,176.00. Most of the money went to the purchase of cots and a drone.

Library Virtual Author meeting:

The City is working to expand its virtual meeting capabilities. As part of that goal, the Library hosted a virtual meeting with Heather Lende, an Alaskan author in the Common Council chambers. Twenty participants took part virtually. The overall comments were positive.

Vandalism at Old St. Joe's:

Graffiti was sprayed along the walls and side porch of Old. St. Joe's. I would like to recognize Ethan Ahkvaluk who received permission to spray over the graffiti until it could be corrected by city staff.

Airport Complaints:

City staff is working to better explain the City's Health Emergency Ordinance and the City Manager's Emergency Order. State workers are now expected to fill out travel form. This has created some challenges with state employees. Overall though, people are working with city staff and hospital staff. The city and the hospital are getting compliments on our efficiency and working with people. But, we can always do better!

AMMA:

I attended a two day Alaska Managers meeting to discuss the history of unorganized boroughs in Alaska. The meeting discussed the pros and cons of what has been called the completion of moving from unorganized boroughs to a borough form of government. The back drop to the discussion was increasing revenue. It was an interesting discussion. But, the diversity of Alaska and its wide open spaces demonstrates there is no one size fits all approach.