

TO: The Mayor and Common Council

FROM: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report addition

January 26, 2024

**City Hall Ventilation:**

To pay the cost of the heating and ventilation improvements, I am recommending that the ARPA funds be used primarily (\$1.1m) and the balance supplemented from the General Fund (CARES)

**Recreation Center:**

The facility needs substantial improvements to it. The heating and ventilation system improvement is expected to cost \$2.4m. Proposed improvements to showers, locker room and an expanded sauna is \$1.4m. Installation of bleachers, increased storage, bathroom updates (non-related to locker room and sauna improvements) bowling alley improvements at least \$500,000.

City staff have completed an overhaul of the rec center kitchen and installed commercial appliances. The appliances were purchased through grants. These grant funds have also allowed the city to purchase 40 new tables and 320 chairs.

**Port Project Agreement:**

The formal agreement was signed Thursday afternoon. I want to thank those from Nome who were able to attend this signing ceremony. I especially want to thank Joy, Lucas and Angie for working with the Corp of Engineers representative and Alaska Delegation representatives.

**Vaping:**

I have spoken to two of the three cannabis shop owners. Both sell cannabis vaping devices. Only one sells nicotine vaping devices. I also visited AC's on Nome-Teller Highway. That store sells nicotine vaping devices only in its alcohol dispensary. All three of these locations restrict access to anyone under the age of 21 years of age.

Hopefully, a joint meeting of the three cannabis shop owners can be held soon to discuss ways to control underage use and access.

**Swimming Pool:**

The pool is filled and filtering is taking place. There are some small plumbing and ventilation issues that city staff will address. The companies warranting the pool mechanicals are expected to be here in Nome

the last week of February. These manufacturer reps will certify the warranties and when the pool can be open to the general public. Legally to operate a commercial pool the city must have a self-activated and controlled chemical feeding systems.