

To: The Mayor and Common Council

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

November 18, 2020

Census 2020:

I attended a virtual meeting with Census 2020 organizations on the success of the count in Alaska. According to the census officials, 99% of known addresses were counted. This count was higher than in many states. Nome received a shout out for its efforts to get counted and its cooperation with census workers.

AML Conference:

This year's conference has been virtual. Governor Dunleavy discussed the financial impact of the coronavirus on Alaska and its impact on local government. It was also discussed on mask wearing or not and how the regional areas had disagreement on mask wearing or not.

Thanksgiving:

City Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after. Thanksgiving Friday is a floating holiday. A number of employees chose to take the holiday. This necessitated city hall not being open.

RFP for Auditing Services:

The Auditing Services is being prepared to go out for bid.

Public Works:

All three snow blowers are operational including the new one. The tire shredder is being wrapped for the season to help protect it. Unfortunately, it is still not operational. In the spring staff will return to address the issue.

FEMA Grant:

City staff submitted a FEMA Grant for the COVID-19 crisis. Nome was the first city to apply for a FEMA grant. We ultimately received an award for \$348,000. I want to recognize Nickie Crowe, Dana Handeland and Joy Baker for their efforts and determination.