

To: Mayor and Common Council

From: Glenn Steckman

RE: City Manager's report

May 20, 2022

**Alaska Waste:**

NJUS and city staff are still receiving complaints about trash service being offered by Alaska Waste to residences and businesses. I reached out to the Alaska Public Utility Commission to begin the process of filing a "formal" complaint with them about Alaska Waste. APUC encourages all customers not satisfied to fill out an "informal" complaint form in order the APUC to investigate.

As a result of my call to the APUC, I received a call from Alaska Waste to work on the issues raised in my phone call with the APUC. They've agreed to an outreach campaign to their Nome customers. This outreach will be to publish trash routes, having a published number that will be answered and sorting out individual issues with residential customers and businesses.

If there is no change, I am looking at options for council to review up to and including the City of Nome operating the trash service.

**Port Commission:**

The Port Commission met this past week to discuss the good news that the legislature sent the State of Alaska budget to Governor Dunleavy with \$175,000,000 to cover the city's portion of the first phase of port construction.

The Commission reviewed their budget that was submitted by Joy Baker and gave their support to the port budget.

**The Mini makeover:**

City maintenance employees are continuing their efforts to refresh the Mini which includes new carpet, a redesigned entrance and brightening up the facility by rearranging lights.

**The Rec Center:**

The new poles and fencing is going in for the ball fields despite the recent weather. A 70" television has been installed in the weight and exercise room which use to be in city hall. Despite its size, the TV seems puny for the size of the space.

City staff will be meeting with Bristol and RSA to complete the design concept proposals for HV designs for the center. There is a team of four employees managing the project for the city that include Chip Leeper, Cole Cushman, Matt Barone and Cliff McHenry.

**Dust Control:**

The staff is looking at hydro seeding to help control dust on public property. The mono-fill, the visitors' center, OSJ and the RFB are the sites being reviewed.

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The annual contract for managing the Visitor's Center has been sent. The contract document requires their budget and their goals for the coming year.

**Open Enrollment:**

On Friday of this week open enrollment is being held for the employees. The cost for healthcare insurance went up and a quarter of our work force will be negatively impacted.

**City Cleanup:**

The semi-annual city cleanup will start On May 31 and run thru June 4. It will include U-Call and We-Haul, waste drop off locations and a bounty for vehicles, ATVs and snow machines.

**3D Housing:**

The city is still in discussion about the possible development of a 3D house. The Denali Commission, HUD, Penn State and University of Alaska Fairbanks would be involved in the development of this house. I anticipate I will need a work session to discuss this project further and to get your permission to go forward.