



CITY OF GUSTAVUS

CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM
In Person at Gustavus City Hall and Via Zoom

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Mike Taylor
Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop
Council Members: Janene Driscoll, Jim Mackovjak
Tania Lewis, Shelley Owens, Brian Taylor

CITY HALL

City Administrator – Kathy Leary
City Clerk - Charity Smith
City Treasurer – Ben Sadler
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AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89127589488?pwd=M0tTejRwOXFHNmlxL0ZwR3VERTNQQT09>

ID: 891 2758 9488 **PASSCODE:** 791207 **TEL:** 253-215-8782

ROLL CALL

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) 06-19-2023 General Meeting Minutes
- [2.](#) 06-26-2023 Special Meeting Minutes

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

- [3.](#) Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report
- [4.](#) Marine Facilities Quarterly Report
- [5.](#) City Treasurer Quarterly Report & Monthly Financials
- [6.](#) City Administrator Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

- [7.](#) FY24-01NCO Gustavus Visitors Association FY24 Budget Amendment (Introduced 06-19-2023)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- [8.](#) Approve Disposal and Recycling Center Manager / Operator Pay Adjustment for Compliance with NPS Commercial Purchase Agreement
- [9.](#) FY24-02NCO Introduction of Capital Project Funding to AMLIP Capital Project Current (Public Hearing 08-14-2023)

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- [10.](#) Mayor Report

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the city

https://library.municode.com/ak/gustavus/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=C_D_ORD_TIT2AD_CH2.30CICOME_S2.30.060EXSE

Review of Proposed Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims with James F. Sarraco and Lisa L. Etherington in Saracco v City of Gustavus and the State of Alaska with Legal Counsel

ADJOURNMENT

POSTED ON: July 12, 2023 at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

ADA NOTICE

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VISION STATEMENT

We envision a distinctive community:

- *That prospers while and by protecting its natural resources;*
- *With a sustainable economy and infrastructure that assures public health and safety while promoting personal development and initiative; and*
- *Where all members take social responsibility and actively participate in decision making affecting growth, development, regulation and enforcement; and*
- *In which people retain a closeness with and caring for each other individually and collectively while working together to accomplish community goals and preserve community traditions.*



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MINUTES-APPROVED

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mike Taylor
Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop
Council Member Tania Lewis
Council Member Jim Mackovjak
Council Member Brian Taylor
Council Member Shelley Owens

ABSENT

Council Member Janene Driscoll

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

Council Member, Jim Mackovjak read the City of Gustavus Vision Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 05-08-2023 General Meeting Minutes

Council Member Lewis moves to approve minutes by unanimous consent the 05/08/2023 General Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Hearing no objections, the minutes are approved by unanimous consent.

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Taylor announced the agenda set as presented by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

2. Gustavus Public Library Quarterly Report
Gustavus Public Librarians provided a written report and Library Administrator Director, Jessie Soder provided an oral summary.
3. City Treasurer Monthly Reports
City Treasurer, Ben Sadler submitted monthly financial reports and was available to answer questions.

4. City Administrator Report
City Administrator, Kathy Leary provided an oral report summary.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Owens to adopt the Consent Agenda by unanimous consent.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Hearing no objections, the Consent Agenda is adopted by unanimous consent.

5. 06-19-2023 Certificate of Records Destruction

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

6. FY23-21NCO Providing for the Amendment of Department Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023 (Introduced 05-08-2023)

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Taylor closed Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bishop to adopt FY23-21NCO Providing for the Amendment of Department Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023 (Introduced 05-08-2023).

Seconded by Council Member Mackovjak.

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

7. FY23-22NCO Providing for the Amendment of The Administrative Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Taylor closed Public Hearing at 7:35 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to adopt FY23-22NCO Providing for the Amendment of the Administrative Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023 Introduced 05-08-2023.

Seconded by Council Member Lewis.

Council Comment:
Council Member Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

8. FY23-23NCO Capital Project Funding 2023-SRP Playground Equipment Expansion Project (Introduced 05-08-2023)

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 P.M.

Public Comment: None

Mayor Taylor closed Public Hearing at 7:40 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to adopt FY23-23NCO Capital Project Funding 2023-SRP Playground Equipment Expansion Project as Introduced on 05-08-2023.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Bishop.

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

9. CY23-07 Pertaining to the Authorized Investments of and Establishing Appropriate Benchmarks to Measure Performance of the City's Endowment Funds

Motion made by Council Member Lewis to approve Resolution CY23-07 Pertaining to the Authorized Investments of and Establishing Appropriate Benchmarks to Measure Performance of the City's Endowment fund.

Seconded by Council Member Owens.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

10. CY23-08 Updating Policy and Procedure for City Banking Policy
Motion made by Council Member Mackovjak to approve Resolution CY23-08 Updating Policy and Procedure for City Banking Policy CY23-08.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

11. Capital Improvement Plan Project Nomination_Beach Mobility Items

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to approve the City of Gustavus Capital Improvement Plan Nomination for Beach Mobility items.

Council Member Owens moved to postpone to a certain time the next General Session in July.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Council Comment:
Council Member Taylor
Mayor Taylor

Voting Yea: Council Member Owens

Voting Nay: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor

Motion to postpone to a date certain failed.

Main Motion Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment:
Council Member Lewis
Council Member Owens
Council Member Taylor
Mayor Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor

Voting Nay: Council Member Owens

12. Award 2024 Annual Road Maintenance Contract RFQ FY24-01RM

Motion made by Council Member Owens to award RFQ FY24-01RM Annual Road Maintenance Contract as described in RFQ FY24-01RM to Glacier Bay Construction Inc. in accordance with their quotation dated 5-31-2023 in the amount of \$137,453.00.

Seconded by Council Member Lewis.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

13. FY24-01NCO Introduction of Gustavus Visitors Association FY24 Budget Amendment (Public Hearing 07-10-2023)

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to introduce FY24-01NCO Gustavus Visitors Association FY24 Budget Amendment with the Public Hearing to take place on 07-10-2023.

Seconded by Council Member Mackovjak.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: Council Member Taylor
Mayor Taylor

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Lewis, Council Member Mackovjak, Council Member Taylor, Council Member Owens

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

14. Mayor Report

Mayor Taylor submitted a written report and provided an oral summary and added appreciation for DRC Operator and Manager, Paul Berry's 30 years of service.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Brian Taylor - DRC Operator and Manager, Paul Berry appreciation.

Tania Lewis - DRC Operator and Manager, Paul Berry appreciation.

Vice Mayor Bishop - DRC Operator and Manager, Paul Berry appreciation, and extended gratitude to Glacier Bay Construction and Council for the construction of the hardened beach trail.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Date

Attest: Charity Smith, City Clerk

Date



CITY OF GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Gustavus City Hall

Item #2.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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MINUTES - PENDING

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Mike Taylor
Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop
Council Member Janene Driscoll
Council Member Jim Mackovjak
Council Member Brian Taylor

ABSENT

Council Member Tania Lewis
Council Member Shelley Owens

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

The City of Gustavus Vision Statement was read by Mayor Taylor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Taylor requested to add a motion to postpone the July Work Session and General Meeting dates by one week.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Taylor announced the agenda set as adjusted by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Hiring of City Clerk applicant Charity Smith

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bishop to approve the hiring of Charity Smith as City Clerk for the City of Gustavus.

Seconded by Council Member Taylor.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment:
Council Member Driscoll

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Mackovjak,
Council Member Taylor, Council Member Driscoll

2. Swearing in of City Clerk
Acting City Clerk, Karen Platt performed the swearing in of Charity Smith as the new Gustavus City Clerk.
3. Approve Update of City Department Library Administrative Director Position Description and Position Announcement

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to approve the update of City Department Library Administrative Director position description and position announcement.

Seconded by Council Member Mackovjak.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment:
Council Member Driscoll

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Mackovjak,
Council Member Taylor, Council Member Driscoll

4. Motion made by Mayor Taylor to change the July 3rd Work Session to July 10th and the July 10th General Meeting to July 17th, due to Staffing and the 4th of July Holiday.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Bishop.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment: None

Voting Yea: Mayor Taylor, Vice Mayor Bishop, Council Member Mackovjak,
Council Member Taylor, Council Member Driscoll

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

None

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Date

Attest: Charity Smith, City Clerk

Date



GVFD Quarterly Report

- **April**

- EMS: 3
- Fire: 0
- Fires larger than 3 feet in diameter require a burn permit. Campfires less than 3 feet in diameter do **NOT** require a burn permit. Come by the fire hall if you need help getting your burn permit.
- Health Fair. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Health Fair, and the booths that made the Health Fair Successful. Also thank you to the people who attended the Health Fair.
- Started work to become an EMT 1 instructor. This is in the hopes to become a better instructor during drills and able to instruct new volunteers.
- The Fire Hall is now handing out Naloxone kits to anyone who needs/wants them. Give the fire chief a call to set up an appointment. There is a 10-minute training session.
- Had a discussion with Swarupa Toth with AWARE to discuss with first responders on how to better handle domestic abuse situations. If you or someone you know is dealing with an abusive relationship, feel free to call AWARE on (907) 586-1090.

- **May**

- EMS: 2
- Fire: 1
- The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department is starting to work on a new tower to be installed behind the firehall to hold the new antenna. This is in the hope of getting a better range throughout Gustavus.
- Assisted in running the city council meetings by making the agenda.
- Attended meetings with community members for the meetings of Gustavus Social Health and Safety.

- **June**

- EMS: 4
- Fire: 0
- The Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department no longer owns Engine 27, this is the fire engine that sat behind the firehall.
- Last month working on becoming an EMT 1 instructor, should be just paperwork from here on out.
- Attended the SEREMS EMS Conference virtually which hosted many items, some of which included going over mental health first aid, and what happens after death.
- Helping the association in preparation for the Fourth of July. The GVFD is (or did depending on when you are reading this) hamburgers, hotdogs, and the like for lunch at the firehall.

- Thank you everyone for your help and contribution for the Fourth of July holiday.

Marine Facilities Coordinator Quarterly Report

7\05\2023

Having only worked approximately 1 month in the position of Gustavus Marine Coordinator I only have limited info to contribute to this report.

I will break down into my assigned work areas which include dock/beach area, boat harbor, bathrooms/trash and recycling cans, and misc.

Dock/beach area

Morning and occasional evening patrol of dock during charter boat usage times have produced issues of which some were brought up by various boat captains including;

- Skiff floats have been reported to be causing punctures in in inflatable rafts. At least 3 reports during the past month. I have made it a routine to spend Fridays to hammer down nail heads, install screws, and inspect floats for any protrusions that might be causing this. I have not seen anything obvious and do not currently have a solution.
- Bumper boards on outer face of metal float is showing wear and may possibly need to be repaired or replaced at some point in the next year or two. Pieces have been added but have limited lifespan and tend to get knocked off. I will be continually monitoring this and provide updates when needed
- 12 ft. or so of bumper board on outer wood float fell off on 6/30. I can possibly replace this but may need some help
- Periodic inspections and tightening of dock bracket bolts
- Installed new dock rates sign on dock
- Built a firepit with rocks on other side of trees near new firepit on 6/22. Have not seen any usage yet. Vehicle tire tracks seen leading to this area on 6/15. A motorcycle was seen there on 6/22. Fresh vehicle tracks to new firepit on 7/4 which used same route as first tracks that started from dock Road near large turnout across from fuel farm. I installed no vehicles sign on log in turnout on 6/30. New no vehicles sign will be put up near area where vehicles have illegally entered as per Mayer. Also a post with no vehicles and no camping signs will be put up soon at entrance to firepit trail. Dog poop bags will also be attached to post. Graffiti painted on new firepit ring on 7/4.

Bathrooms/trash and recycling cans

- Toilet pits pumped on 6/29
- Evidence of occasional dumping of honey buckets into toilets with spillage onto floor and side of toilet making for some nasty cleanup duties. Hung up no dumping sign in each beach bathroom.
- Fairly regular evidence of home trash being dumped into trash and recycling cans. Surveillance cameras may be needed here
- Lockable cleaning locker nearby would be a nice addition. Either inside one of bathrooms or around back.

Marine Facilities Coordinator Quarterly Report (cont.)

7/05/2023

Boat Harbor

- Fish waste and trash cans awaiting cement pad to be poured before being put into use. I will level the area and construct the forms for concrete pad. Glacier Bay Const. will pour pad when they have leftover concrete from another job. Suggest placement to not interfere with boat staging area due to larger boats needing the entire area to turn around for launching. Plan is to put it near harbor shed. A water spigot and hose will be needed also.
- Built small work bench and installed pegboard for better organization in Harbor shed
- Complaint about turnaround at top of boat ramp not being big enough for launching larger boats. Not sure if issue can be remedied.
- Report of large chunk of metal sticking out along shore in harbor near Bruce McDonoughs and Chuck Schroths boat. Tire has been placed on it to mark it. This is an apparent hazard and would need heavy equipment for attempting to remove. May be the top of a giant steel iceberg and not be easily removed.
- Dug out and coiled up large boat lines near shed as part of shed area cleanup.
- Trimmed trees blocking various harbor signage
- Updated information kiosk at top of boat launch for 2023
- Outer dock float in boat harbor could be more useful if spun around 180 degrees due to large piling connectors currently on the only usable side. I am not a professional dock mover but we could hire out to get this work done.

Misc.

- Entered all boat registration permits into laptop for quick reference of checking boats and trailers for current registration. Have hung warning tags on a few and am monitoring status regularly.
- Walked marine facilities with Mayor. Talked about solutions to people driving on beach, possible additional signage, cleanup of old firepits, new camping area, etc. Signs are being made for new camping area. Firepit cleanup to happen soon. Signage issues ongoing.
- Ordered new tools for marine facilities usage to prevent having to use personal tools. Will most likely need to add more in the future as needed.

Completed by Larry Platt 7/05/2023

City of Gustavus Treasurer's report

Ben Sadler, Treasurer

Monday 07/17/2023

We have just entered FY24. It has been my intention to implement new policies and practices for the treasurer position. I have intentionally waited for the new fiscal year to start making these changes and have now started to implement them. As we move forward, I am hoping to streamline the position even further, and hope to make it easier for the council and the community to get the financial information they would like to see.

FY23 – Close Out

Although last fiscal year hasn't been closed out completely yet, we can already see that we exceeded our budgeted revenue by 15%, bringing in an additional \$212,550.00. The DRC, GVFD, Marine Facilities, Library, and Tax income all came in above the budgeted amounts. At the same time, we are sitting at 81.4% of our expected expenditures. This number will change slightly as a few invoices are still trickling in.

City Website Payment Portal

To start off the new fiscal year I have added a new payment portal to the City's website. I am currently working out the bugs with the credit card company and have been in consultation with the website designers about making a new button on the home screen with a pay here link that will take the customer to the page with the pay here links. Currently there is a link in the announcements tab on the home screen that will take you to this page.

General Day to Day

In addition to paying the bills and depositing the City's income, I have been helping draft resolutions, drafting NCO's, working with our City Clerk to get her trained and comfortable in her new role, and working with the City Administrator on HR issues and policy changes. I have also been working with Larry Platt as he acclimates into the Marine Facilities position.

City of Gustavus
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual COG Accrual
July 2022 through June 2023

	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Business License Fees	3,400.00	3,700.00	-300.00	91.9%
Donations	1,678.18	1,800.00	-121.82	93.2%
DRC Income				
Community Chest Sales	12,759.35	11,500.00	1,259.35	111.0%
Landfill Fees paid @ City Hall	31,490.64	0.00	31,490.64	100.0%
Landfill Fees/Sales	61,591.19	90,450.00	-28,858.81	68.1%
Recyclable Material Sales	8,505.48	3,600.00	4,905.48	236.3%
Total DRC Income	114,346.66	105,550.00	8,796.66	108.3%
Federal Revenue				
American Rescue Plan Act	65,189.08	65,043.96	145.12	100.2%
ARPA - 22-LGLR	161,525.64	161,525.64	0.00	100.0%
Disaster Assistance (FEMA funds)	223,882.42	95,000.00	128,882.42	235.7%
Natl Forest Receipts-Encumbered	48,254.84	50,000.00	-1,745.16	96.5%
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	130,512.17	130,512.17	0.00	100.0%
Total Federal Revenue	629,364.15	502,081.77	127,282.38	125.4%
Fundraising	175.00	600.00	-425.00	29.2%
Grant Income	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
GVFD Income				
Ambulance Billing	10,898.50	9,000.00	1,898.50	121.1%
ASP	1,650.00	600.00	1,050.00	275.0%
Training	350.00	150.00	200.00	233.3%
Total GVFD Income	12,898.50	9,750.00	3,148.50	132.3%
Interest Income	736.97	350.00	386.97	210.6%
Lands Income				
Gravel Pit Gravel Sales	44,640.00	27,000.00	17,640.00	165.3%
Gravel Pit Bond (Bond - Gravel Pit Contractor)	-1,800.00			
Total Lands Income	42,840.00	27,000.00	15,840.00	158.7%
Lease Income	14,268.47	13,753.67	514.80	103.7%
Library Income	1,162.00	0.00	1,162.00	100.0%
Marine Facilities Income				
Facilities Usage Fees				
Landing Craft Use Fee	2,900.00	0.00	2,900.00	100.0%
Single Use Fee	40.00	0.00	40.00	100.0%
Facilities Usage Fees - Other	15.00	0.00	15.00	100.0%
Total Facilities Usage Fees	2,955.00	0.00	2,955.00	100.0%

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Commercial Vessel Registration				
Kayak Registration	300.00			
Commercial Vessel Registration - Other	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	100.0%
Total Commercial Vessel Registration	12,300.00	0.00	12,300.00	100.0%
Private Vessel Registration				
Kayak Registration	60.00			
Private Vessel Registration - Other	5,670.00	0.00	5,670.00	100.0%
Total Private Vessel Registration	5,730.00	0.00	5,730.00	100.0%
Storage Area Fee	2,750.00	1,700.00	1,050.00	161.8%
Marine Facilities Income - Other	0.00	17,500.00	-17,500.00	0.0%
Total Marine Facilities Income	23,735.00	19,200.00	4,535.00	123.6%
State Revenue				
Community Assistance Program	90,577.16	90,577.16	0.00	100.0%
Shared Fisheries Business Tax	484.52	896.00	-411.48	54.1%
Total State Revenue	91,061.68	91,473.16	-411.48	99.6%
Tax Income				
Retail Tax Income	455,011.12	425,000.00	30,011.12	107.1%
Remote Sellers Retail Tax	65,704.18	60,000.00	5,704.18	109.5%
Room Tax Income	109,714.97	100,000.00	9,714.97	109.7%
Fish Box Tax	14,080.00	7,500.00	6,580.00	187.7%
Penalties & Interest	4,592.58	4,000.00	592.58	114.8%
Tax Exempt Cards	340.00	300.00	40.00	113.3%
Total Tax Income	649,442.85	596,800.00	52,642.85	108.8%
Total Income	1,585,109.46	1,372,558.60	212,550.86	115.5%
Gross Profit	1,585,109.46	1,372,558.60	212,550.86	115.5%
Expense				
Administrative Costs	9,261.58	35,000.00	-25,738.42	26.5%
Advertising	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Bank Service Charges	5,865.26	6,350.00	-484.74	92.4%
Building				
Insurance	12,789.74	11,746.33	1,043.41	108.9%
Maintenance & Repair	6,461.81	14,900.00	-8,438.19	43.4%
Total Building	19,251.55	26,646.33	-7,394.78	72.2%
Contractual Services				
Ambulance Billing Expense	1,027.27	1,300.00	-272.73	79.0%
Managed IT Services	30,160.00	27,450.00	2,710.00	109.9%

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Contractual Services - Other	30,097.62	44,600.00	-14,502.38	67.5%
Total Contractual Services	61,284.89	73,350.00	-12,065.11	83.6%
Dues/Fees	12,211.29	11,650.00	561.29	104.8%
Economic Development Services				
GVA	35,600.00	35,600.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Economic Development Services	35,600.00	35,600.00	0.00	100.0%
Election Expense	150.99	250.00	-99.01	60.4%
Emergency & Disaster	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0%
Equipment				
Equipment Fuel	3,113.31	3,000.00	113.31	103.8%
Equipment Purchase	8,796.36	13,400.00	-4,603.64	65.6%
Insurance	317.77	317.77	0.00	100.0%
Maintenance & Repair	3,456.06	4,300.00	-843.94	80.4%
Total Equipment	15,683.50	21,017.77	-5,334.27	74.6%
Events & Celebrations	4,294.03	4,458.50	-164.47	96.3%
Freight/Shipping	28,547.31	30,000.00	-1,452.69	95.2%
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
General Liability				
Public Entity Crime Coverage	75.54			
Cyber Liability	3,940.00			
General Liability - Other	13,760.99	19,963.00	-6,202.01	68.9%
Total General Liability	17,776.53	19,963.00	-2,186.47	89.0%
Gravel Pit Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Library Materials				
Donated/Fundraised	0.00	700.00	-700.00	0.0%
Non-Fiction Add/Replacement	2,355.09	1,000.00	1,355.09	235.5%
Library Materials - Other	300.03	1,000.00	-699.97	30.0%
Total Library Materials	2,655.12	2,700.00	-44.88	98.3%
Marine Facilities				
Insurance	2,578.53	2,368.37	210.16	108.9%
Total Marine Facilities	2,578.53	2,368.37	210.16	108.9%
Occupational Health	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Payroll Expenses				
Wages	423,676.00	483,065.96	-59,389.96	87.7%
Payroll Taxes	40,887.75	42,340.35	-1,452.60	96.6%
Paid Time off	15,427.85	0.00	15,427.85	100.0%

City of Gustavus
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual COG Accrual
July 2022 through June 2023

	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Sick Leave	6,214.41			
Health Insurance (company paid)	21,602.70	26,803.20	-5,200.50	80.6%
Health Insurance Stipend	11,209.09	11,100.00	109.09	101.0%
457(b) Employer Contribution	18,947.32	29,132.60	-10,185.28	65.0%
Workers Comp Insurance	6,165.44	8,551.51	-2,386.07	72.1%
Payroll Expenses - Other	-6,393.53	230.00	-6,623.53	-2,779.8%
Total Payroll Expenses	537,737.03	601,223.62	-63,486.59	89.4%
Professional Services	8,675.00	25,000.00	-16,325.00	34.7%
Public Relations	899.00	1,000.00	-101.00	89.9%
Repair & Replacement Fund	0.00	16,545.71	-16,545.71	0.0%
Road Maintenance				
ARPA & FEMA Projects	8,600.00			
Grading	101,580.20	0.00	101,580.20	100.0%
Snow Plowing	65,000.00	0.00	65,000.00	100.0%
Road Maintenance - Other	7,581.70	200,000.00	-192,418.30	3.8%
Total Road Maintenance	182,761.90	200,000.00	-17,238.10	91.4%
Stipend	3,750.04	10,000.00	-6,249.96	37.5%
Supplies				
Donated/Fundraised	1,000.00	700.00	300.00	142.9%
Program	3,166.06	3,050.00	116.06	103.8%
Supplies - Other	19,647.40	23,000.00	-3,352.60	85.4%
Total Supplies	23,813.46	26,750.00	-2,936.54	89.0%
Telecommunications	20,514.08	22,950.00	-2,435.92	89.4%
Training	6,888.26	9,300.00	-2,411.74	74.1%
Travel	13,536.36	16,000.00	-2,463.64	84.6%
Utilities				
Electricity	10,486.90	6,664.00	3,822.90	157.4%
Fuel Oil	15,497.95	18,133.60	-2,635.65	85.5%
Utilities - Other	0.00	3,400.00	-3,400.00	0.0%
Total Utilities	25,984.85	28,197.60	-2,212.75	92.2%
Vehicle				
Fuel	1,016.41	1,200.00	-183.59	84.7%
Insurance	3,438.58	3,635.67	-197.09	94.6%
Maintenance & Repair	642.69	2,000.00	-1,357.31	32.1%
Mileage Reimbursement	1,162.81	1,950.00	-787.19	59.6%
Total Vehicle	6,260.49	8,785.67	-2,525.18	71.3%
Total Expense	1,051,981.05	1,292,206.57	-240,225.52	81.4%

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Accrual Basis

City of Gustavus
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual COG Accrual
July 2022 through June 2023

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	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Net Ordinary Income	533,128.41	80,352.03	452,776.38	663.5%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Prior-Year Cash Balance	0.00	300,000.00	-300,000.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	300,000.00	-300,000.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	300,000.00	-300,000.00	0.0%
Net Income	<u>533,128.41</u>	<u>380,352.03</u>	<u>152,776.38</u>	<u>140.2%</u>

City of Gustavus
Balance Sheet
 As of June 30, 2023

	<u>Jun 30, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
AMLIP Capital Improv Current (0630598.1)	30.54
AMLIP Capital Improv Long-Term (0630598.2)	788,613.67
AMLIP Repair & Replacement (0630598.3)	353,646.67
AMLIP Road Maint - Unencumbered (0630598.4)	249,995.02
AMLIP Gravel Pit Fund (0630598.8)	18,468.96
AMLIP Reserve (0630598.12)	479,641.39
APCM.Endowment Fund	1,439,374.38
FNBA - Checking	863,104.45
FNBA Endowment Fund - Checking	63,467.12
Petty Cash	477.09
Total Checking/Savings	4,256,819.29
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	20,082.85
Total Accounts Receivable	20,082.85
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	32.11
Total Other Current Assets	32.11
Total Current Assets	4,276,934.25
Fixed Assets	
Property & Equipment	-8,199.00
Total Fixed Assets	-8,199.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,268,735.25</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	42,837.81
Total Liabilities	42,837.81
Equity	4,225,897.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4,268,735.25</u>

Accounts Receivable Detail**As of 06/30/2023**

\$3,612.00	Delinquent Sales Tax
\$11,122.79	Ambulance Transport Billing - In Progress
\$4,973.33	Fish-Box Tax Deferred Income
\$374.73	Net of Other Customer Account Balances
\$20,082.85	Total

FNBA Checking Account - Unrestricted Funds Balance**As of 06/30/2023**

FDIC: The standard deposit insurance coverage limit is \$250,000 per depositor, per FDIC-insured bank, per ownership category.

City of Gustavus has a tri-party agreement in place that collateralizes our account, providing protection for the full value of our account balances.

FNBA Checking Account Balance: **\$802,783.11**

Obligated Funds Currently in Checking Account:

MF	CP18-01 Salmon River Harbor	(\$9,856.96)
Roads	CP18-02 Wilson Rd Drainage	\$0.00
Admin	CP19-03 Gustavus Beach Improv.	(\$8,902.39)
DRC	CP19-06 DRC Composting Facility	(\$79,443.50)
Library	CP19-08 Library Roof/Awning/Shed	(\$39,495.00)
Admin	CP21-02 Refurbish Old P.O.	(\$6,730.67)
Roads	CP21-03 Good River Bridge Repairs	(\$3,665.54)
MFC	CP21-04 MFC Building at SRBH	(\$1,323.29)
DRC	CP21-05 DRC Main Bldg Replacement: Design	(\$1,786.60)
MF	CP21-06 Fish Waste Disposal	(\$3,034.00)
GVFD	CP22-01 Structural Fire Gear	\$0.00
MFC	CP22-02 Marine Facility Vessel	(\$30,000.00)
Beach	CP22-03 Beach Hardened Trail	(\$13,000.00)
Admin	CP22-04 Septage Storage Facility	(\$5,608.08)
GVFD	CP23-01 Radio Tower	(\$38,735.88)
Library	FY23 PLA Grant	\$32.39
Library	SoA OWL Internet Subsidy	(\$2,460.00)
Roads	USFWS Chase Drvwy	(\$251.02)

Unrestricted Funds: **\$558,522.57**

Pending Transfers:

FY24-01NCO	GVA FY24 Budget Increase	\$5,400.00	Introduction	6/12/2023
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Per the Unrestricted Fund Balance Policy (Res. CY18-18), the unrestricted fund balance should be 17-35% of the

FY23 budgeted operating expenses:	\$1,270,319.76
25% =	\$317,579.94
17% =	\$215,954.36
35% =	\$444,611.92

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT JULY 2023 General Meeting

- This month was quite busy as we continue to be short staffed. We have been waiting on CH customers while attending to our other tasks. Thanks again to everyone for pitching in and cross covering for each other. Including for janitorial as John Sanchez has an injured knee.
- Septage update - Trevor Richards from Juneau Septic has made at least 3 trips (4 as of this report) using the small truck to pump individual households and other systems and has turned around four 4000–4500-gallon truckloads, plus 2-3 small truck loads on the ferry. This is at least 20K gallons removed from the tanks to date with more still in the tanks waiting to be removed and additional households to service.
- Received a Notice of Intent to Award that our Capital Improvement Project Planning Grant Application for the Septage Tank Project was reviewed by Village Safe Water (VSW) and approved for funding. Grant funding of \$88,000 will be provided by VSW, in partnership with the USDA Rural Development. According to ADEC, information and award documents will be provided as soon as possible.
- With Jim Mackovjak leading and Curtis Fincher of Agnew::Beck Consulting providing guidance we worked to submit the Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant. It was a lengthy process requiring several federal forms for a maximum 2-page project summary. Let's hope we will be successful. If we are successful, DOT expects to obligate SS4A award funding and grant agreement within 12 months after awards have been announced. Although there was no indication of when awards would be issued, last year they were announced in February.
- Spent considerable time researching and gathering documents needed by our attorney for various legal issues.
- Updated a Healthy Communities Funding Request. Twice. DCCED had sufficient funding in their HEC budget to put out a call for equipment requests under an environmental component related to preventing COVID. I asked about a truck for the DRC and MFC to transport waste and other contaminants and they said to submit it. Since they received way more in requests that they had funds for they decided that rather not fund some, they wouldn't fund any, and reverted it back to original health and safety component under which I then submitted the "wildland firefighting truck with plow and skid unit" CIP Project Nomination Short Form documentation which was previously approved by the Council, and which was turned in to DEECD last week.
- Continue to attend weekly "Office Hours" meetings with Alaska Municipal League where they review various upcoming grants and infrastructure funding notices. They have granting agency and project consultant staff who explain upcoming funding opportunities. It's helpful to be able to ask questions where more knowledgeable folks can get back to us with clarifying information. For example, just this past Tuesday, the USDA liaison for SE AK let us know about grants/loans and is looking to see if GVFD is eligible to apply for funding for the water tender through the Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in Alaska. That scoping document was approved by council last August.
- Met with Superintendent Ralph Watkins regarding possible support for a continuing preschool program with CSD in light of the governor vetoing 87 million \$\$ from the proposed education budget and lowering the BSA that the bipartisan legislature had worked on. It's preliminary as he doesn't have the district's final budget numbers and there are still a lot of unknowns in funding, a schedule, or numbers of students.
- Made a report with the Alaska State Troopers and spoke with Trooper Lemieux who was in Gustavus regarding vandalism and illegal motorized vehicle use on the west side of the beach which is degrading the vegetation and where someone graffitied and removed the fire pit culvert collar. I'm in the process of gathering and sending pictures.

- Created and executed a contract extension for FY 24 to Alaska Technical Services, our IT systems contractor.
- Created and executed a Professional Services Agreement for FY 24 with John Barry of Neval Engineering for continued project management and compliance reporting.
- As everyone now knows the Marine Facilities Coordinator position has been filled by Larry Platt. Ben continues to mentor him, and Larry has been organizing and setting up the MFC shed and working on projects besides being at the dock and boat harbor.
- We are still waiting for construction to begin on the Library Shelter Project.
- Planned, shopped and pulled off Pau's retirement party which I'm told was a hit. Thanks for all who helped and for Sol who manned the BBQ for hours!
- Reviewed the National Forest Receipt appropriations potential changes, where the recipient has options of which type of funding allocation to pick from, but it's way more advantageous to keep it the same and continue to use it for roads maintenance.

Any comments, questions, or suggestions?

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY24-01NCO
AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
DEPARTMENT BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This is a **Non-Code Ordinance**

Section 2. For the Fiscal Year of 2024 estimated expenditures have changed from the estimates in the approved budget.

Section 3. For the current fiscal year, the budget is amended to reflect the changed estimates as follows:

Budget Category	Amounts		
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
INCOME			
Room Tax Income	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 105,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
Total Change in Income			\$ 5,400.00

EXPENSE			
	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change
GVA	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 41,400.00	\$ 5,400.00
<i>Additional funding requested to move GVA Kiosk</i>			
Total Change in Expense			\$ 5,400.00

Section 4. The budget is hereby amended as indicated and any portion of the approved budget inconsistent with this amendment is repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.

DATE INTRODUCED: *June 19, 2023*

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: *July 10, 2023*

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this __th day of July, 2023.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

Attest: Charity Smith, City Clerk

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY24-02NCO**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2023**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This is a **Non-Code Ordinance**

Section 2. For the Fiscal Year of 2023, the following City held account balance transfers are to be made for the reasons stated.

Section 3. For the current fiscal year, City held accounts are amended to reflect the changes as follows:

CITY HELD ACCOUNTS	Amounts		
	Account Balance*	Amended Balance	Change
FNBA Checking Account	\$ 802,678.11	\$ 558,741.20	<\$ 243,936.91>
<i>Capital Project funds from are being moved to AMLIP accounts per the City's new Restricted Funds and AMLIP policy and new City Banking policy.</i>			
AMLIP Capital Improv - Current	\$ 30.54	\$ 243,936.91	\$ 243,906.37
<i>*Approximate, this is a dynamic value.</i>			

Total Change in City Held Account Balances	\$ 0.00
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Section 4. The City held accounts are hereby amended as indicated.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the Gustavus City Council.

DATE INTRODUCED: *June 17, 2023*

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: *August 14, 2023*

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this _th day of August, 2023.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

Attest: Kathy Leary, City Administrator

**Mayor's Report
For July 17, 2023, General Meeting
(Drafted for posting deadline July 11)
Mike Taylor**

June and early July have been joyfully busy in Gustavus with the start of summer and visitor season. City Hall has been active with people coming in for boat stickers, business licenses, storage payments, sales and room tax payments, civil work permits, general information, and notary service. It's a pleasure to serve our community. Thanks to the City Hall Staff of Kathy Leary, Ben Sadler, and Charity Smith, with help from Fire Chief Sol Martinez and Marine Facilities Coordinator Larry Platt for helping customers.

Paul Berry's retirement celebration drew a crowd to the Salmon River Park on July 1. It was a great turnout to celebrate Paul's huge and visionary contribution to our community as the driving force for the DRC. Under Paul's leadership our DRC has become a model as the best small-town landfill and recycling operation in a small town in Alaska. It is truly a source of pride for us all. Thank you, Paul!

Clerk Position filled. At the June 26 Special Meeting the Council approved the hire of Charity Goddard Smith as City Clerk, effective immediately. Charity was sworn in the same meeting. Charity was away from June 27 to about July 12 for a pre-planned family commercial fishing trip. Welcome Charity!

Marine Facilities Position filled. Larry Platt is now in the job as Marine Facilities Coordinator and has been busy keeping things in order at the Salmon River Harbor, float system, and Beach Park. Welcome Larry and thanks for diving into the serving our users of these vital facilities. Larry has also picked up some maintenance chores, such as mowing the grass at the old Post Office before the Fourth of July.

Septage Storage and pumping. The City's installation of two 10,000-gallon septage storage tanks at the DRC site was completed in June and Juneau Septic Pumping Service has since been out twice to pump tanks of residences and businesses who have long been on a waiting list. The system is working well. Juneau Septic brings their small pumper here for a few days at a time between ferries. The operator pumps tanks and transfers the pumped contents to the storage tanks. It returns to Juneau on the ferry with a full load of 2000 gal. Then they bring over their larger, 4000 gallon- capacity truck on the ferry and load it from the DRC while the ferry is at the dock and then reboard the ferry to return to Juneau with the septage from about 4 tanks. The contents are discharged to the Juneau septage system for processing. The septage storage tank system has enabled Juneau Septic to get a good start on the backlog of septic tank pumping orders here. In addition to quite a few residential and business tanks, the service has pumped the City's vault toilets at Salmon River Park and the Beach Park. City Administrator Kathy Leary has issued News email notices reminding residents wishing to order service to contact Juneau Septic at gustavusseptic@gmail.com.

Fourth of July Celebration was a great success. We enjoyed another glorious Independence Day this year with festivities centered at the Salmon River Park. We all owe a big Thank-You to Robynn Jones for organizing the events this year. Thanks also to the public-spirited work crew from the LDS church for cleaning and trimming up the park ahead of the retirement party for Paul Berry and the Independence Day celebration. And thanks to Meadow Brook, Ann Wildman, and garden volunteers for planting flowers in the flower beds. Jen Landry grew the plants and prepared flower baskets for the Park and other City sites around town. They all made our town look great in time for the busiest time of the year!

Road maintenance work also prepared us for the busy Fourth. Thanks to Glacier Bay Construction for getting our roads in shape, enabled by just enough rain to dampen the gravel and the new FY2024 budget year funding. Thanks Justin and Ponch!

Salmon River Park play equipment has been ordered! We have made good progress on meeting the vision of the Karen McSpadden's Gustavus School classes who visited City Hall last fall to lobby for an expansion of the existing park equipment to serve bigger children. They reviewed proposals by three manufacturers and from their comments we chose products from Exerplay as proposed by their Alaska representative Karl Croft in Anchorage. Thanks to Vice Mayor Kyle Bishop and Councilmember Janene Driscoll for helping weigh the exciting options. And thanks to Megan Park for helping me pick the color palette for the new equipment.



Not shown in the drawing is the blue and yellow “Revi-spinner” we are also ordering. We placed the order with Exerplay. There will be about a 12-week manufacturing and shipping period. I hope to install the equipment in early fall. We will put out a request for quotes to contractors for the installation soon.

Hydro Road Access. David Olney of the Beartrack Inn kindly dropped by to discuss with me his reasons for posting the Falls Creek Hydro Road as a “Private Road” and “No unauthorized access.” In David’s view, the easement is not public and is for utilities only. In support of restricting public access, David cites an incident of vandalism of his new garage at the start of the road last year and another incident in which joy riders on ATVs raced up and down the road loudly and annoyingly one evening. He also cites concerns about liability and that with community growth the road will “become a freeway.” He says people can sign his permission form and have access for 90 days.

I responded that in my view the public has been granted access up the Hydro Road by the power company since construction as is required by the permit issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and as assured in the FERC-approved Recreational Plan. It’s essential to the license

for the project. Incidents cited had nothing to do with recreational users of the road, who drive or walk up the road respectfully as provided for by the Recreation Plan. Also, the easement that Olney's sold to the power company has terms in which AP&T must hold the Olneys harmless and defend them against any claim for injury or accident on the road by users of the road. I offered to promote to the public that users of the road must respect, not trespass on or impact adjacent properties as they use the road, but I do not agree that members of the public must ask permission or be bound by the terms of the Olneys' permission form. We cordially agreed to disagree on whether the public has a right to use the road respectfully as I described. I appreciated David's visit and I wish him the best for a successful summer season at the Beartrack Inn.

PFAS sampling will continue in July. Later this month technicians from Shannon & Wilson Inc will complete another round of sampling for PFAS compounds in monitoring wells around Gustavus under their contract with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF). At the same time they will once again sample the water systems of City facilities—City Hall, Fire Hall, Library, and the Community Garden. The first round of sampling in May did not find any PFAS compounds in concentrations that exceeded even the very strict EPA-proposed maximum limits for drinking water systems. Indeed, PFAS compounds in most of the May samples were non-detectable. Nevertheless, I have contracted second and third rounds of sampling in July and October to check for seasonal variation and to be more confident that water in City facilities meets EPA standards. I will report the analytical results as soon as they are available.

Beach Park Improvements and issues. Thanks to folks, who prefer to be anonymous, for building the nice benches to complete the newly constructed fire pit at the Beach Park. The park is now more accessible with the new hardened trail and campfire site constructed by Glacier Bay Construction a month ago. Marine Facilities Coordinator Larry Platt monitors the park, cleans up trash and services the restrooms.

We continue to be disappointed that a few folks carelessly disregard the prohibition of motor vehicle traffic off road in the park. I posted an appeal for respect of the no motor vehicles rules with photos of serious ruts cut through vegetation in June. Some folks have also spray painted logs and vegetation. We are logging evidence of such activities and have asked the Alaska Troopers for assistance in how to deter disrespectful and damaging activities. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the natural character of the park and hope not to need to take legal action against vandals. Our community is the largest in Alaska without a local police function. We can be proud of that. I'd like to keep it that way, but we all need to respect community rules and be considerate of each other if that is to continue to be the case. Please, let's all enjoy the park without impacting its character and beauty for others who visit after us.

Mike Taylor
Mayor