



CITY OF GUSTAVUS

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

(RESCHEDULED GENERAL MEETING FROM 01-12-2026)

Monday, January 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Gustavus City Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Sally McLaughlin
Vice Mayor Lucas Beck
Council Members: Renee Patrick,
Justin Marchbanks, Karen Hutten,
Jim Kearns, Mike Taylor

CITY HALL

City Administrator – Kathy Leary
City Clerk – Liesl Barker
City Treasurer – Ben Sadler
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AGENDA

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

<https://tinyurl.com/2ht36k2b>

ID: 515 501 9406 **PASSCODE:** 1236 **TEL:** 253-215-8782

ROLL CALL

Reading of the City of Gustavus Mission Statement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

1. Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report
2. City Treasurer Monthly Report
3. City Administrator Monthly Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

4. FY26-XXNCO Introduction of An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Out Capital Project CP24-02 Same Old Road Drainage. (Public Hearing 02-09-2026)
5. Approve 2026 city council meeting schedule change due to holidays: reschedule September 7 work session to take place on Tuesday, September 8, at 6PM

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

6. FY26-08NCO An Ordinance providing for the amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2025 - Endowment Fund Transfer (Introduced 12-08-2025)
7. FY26-09NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Closing Capital Project CP 26-01 New Council Computers (Introduced 12-08-2025)
8. FY26-10NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 for the Old Post Office Building Renovation Project Phase 2 (Introduced 12-08-2025)

9. FY26-11NCO Ordinance Providing for the Amendment of the City Held Accounts in Fiscal Year 2026 - Transferring Gravel Pit Funds to AMLIP Current Capital (Introduced 12-08-2025)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

10. Approve Position Description for Fire Chief
11. CY26-01 A Resolution Opposing the use of Heavy Fuel Oil by Vessels in Alaska Waters
12. CY26-02 A Resolution by the City of Gustavus Declaring a Local Disaster and Requesting Assistance from the State of Alaska

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

13. Mayor Monthly Report
14. AML Draft Report

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

POSTED ON: Month Day, 202X at P.O, Library, City Hall & <https://cms.gustavus-ak.gov/>

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MISSION STATEMENT

The City of Gustavus is a distinctive Alaskan City that provides high quality public services in a thoughtful, cost effective and professional manner to sustain a safe, beautiful tolerant environment to live, work, and play with respect for individual freedom and each other.



GVFD Quarterly Report

Good day council members and community of Gustavus. Hope you all had a good holiday season and are surviving snowmagedon so far.

I started as Interim Fire Chief at the end of October and here are some highlights of what happened in the last quarter

- We have 6 Volunteers that started A Fire fighter 1 class (Johan, Quinn, Sol, Hayley, Lizz and Stephen)
- The purchase order for the new water tender was signed, and truck is in process of being made
- The lights, sirens and decals for new red truck have been shipped and is on its way
- We had a BLS (Basic Life Support) class
- 3 Responders went to the Alaska State Fire Conference in Sitka at the end of September(Johan, Quinn, Sol)
- Had a visit from Travis Miller that helped with a GVFD assessment and member mentoring
- We installed an estimated 70 smoke detectors

City of Gustavus
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual COG Accrual
July through December 2025

Item 2.

	Jul - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Returned Check Charges	37.50			
Admin Fees	5.00			
Business License Fees	1,225.00	3,500.00	-2,275.00	35.0%
Donations	807.75	500.00	307.75	161.6%
DRC Income				
C Chest paid at City Hall	922.00			
Community Chest Sales	6,409.00	13,000.00	-6,591.00	49.3%
Landfill Fees paid @ City Hall	26,300.26			
Landfill Fees/Sales	33,833.39	100,000.00	-66,166.61	33.8%
Recyclable Material Sales	12,412.70	7,000.00	5,412.70	177.3%
Total DRC Income	79,877.35	120,000.00	-40,122.65	66.6%
Federal Revenue				
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	168,632.84	150,000.00	18,632.84	112.4%
Total Federal Revenue	168,632.84	150,000.00	18,632.84	112.4%
Fundraising	403.00	500.00	-97.00	80.6%
Grant Income	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
GVFD Income				
Ambulance Billing	1,694.98	9,000.00	-7,305.02	18.8%
ASP	335.00	1,000.00	-665.00	33.5%
Training	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Total GVFD Income	2,029.98	10,150.00	-8,120.02	20.0%
Interest Income	140.86	88,876.46	-88,735.60	0.2%
Lands Income				
Gravel Pit Gravel Sales	8,900.00	30,000.00	-21,100.00	29.7%
Gravel Pit Bond (Bond - Gravel Pit Contractor)	2,000.00			
Total Lands Income	10,900.00	30,000.00	-19,100.00	36.3%
Lease Income	8,192.39	16,000.00	-7,807.61	51.2%
Library Income	1,735.00	1,000.00	735.00	173.5%
Marine Facilities Income				
Facilities Usage Fees				
Single Use Fee	60.00			
Facilities Usage Fees - Other	0.00	2,600.00	-2,600.00	0.0%
Total Facilities Usage Fees	60.00	2,600.00	-2,540.00	2.3%
Commercial Vessel Registration	0.00	12,500.00	-12,500.00	0.0%
Private Vessel Registration				
Kayak Registration	10.00			
Private Vessel Registration - Other	820.00	5,000.00	-4,180.00	16.4%
Total Private Vessel Registration	830.00	5,000.00	-4,170.00	16.6%
Storage Area Fee	750.00	2,600.00	-1,850.00	28.8%
Total Marine Facilities Income	1,640.00	22,700.00	-21,060.00	7.2%
State Revenue				
Community Assistance Program	77,698.75	58,200.33	19,498.42	133.5%
Shared Fisheries Business Tax	0.00	231.87	-231.87	0.0%
Total State Revenue	77,698.75	58,432.20	19,266.55	133.0%
Tax Income				
Retail Tax Income	345,007.59	450,000.00	-104,992.41	76.7%
Remote Sellers Retail Tax	54,729.92	75,000.00	-20,270.08	73.0%
Room Tax Income	77,421.07	100,000.00	-22,578.93	77.4%
Fish Box Tax	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	100.0%

	Jul - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Penalties & Interest	3,267.92	3,000.00	267.92	108.9%
Tax Exempt Cards	40.00	300.00	-260.00	13.3%
Total Tax Income	489,466.50	637,300.00	-147,833.50	76.8%
Total Income	842,791.92	1,153,958.66	-311,166.74	73.0%
Gross Profit	842,791.92	1,153,958.66	-311,166.74	73.0%
Expense				
Administrative Costs	216.00			
Bank Service Charges	5,993.47	11,550.00	-5,556.53	51.9%
Building				
Insurance	18,401.38	20,300.00	-1,898.62	90.6%
Maintenance & Repair	60.37	4,000.00	-3,939.63	1.5%
Total Building	18,461.75	24,300.00	-5,838.25	76.0%
Contractual Services				
Medical Director	4,000.00	10,600.00	-6,600.00	37.7%
City Engineer	780.00	10,000.00	-9,220.00	7.8%
Ambulance Billing Expense	595.50	1,000.00	-404.50	59.6%
Managed IT Services	14,210.00	25,020.00	-10,810.00	56.8%
Contractual Services - Other	17,112.46	25,988.00	-8,875.54	65.8%
Total Contractual Services	36,697.96	72,608.00	-35,910.04	50.5%
Dues/Fees	4,159.85	11,850.00	-7,690.15	35.1%
Economic Development Services				
GVA	15,200.00	15,200.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Economic Development Services	15,200.00	15,200.00	0.00	100.0%
Election Expense	151.43	250.00	-98.57	60.6%
Equipment				
Equipment Fuel	1,115.34	2,900.00	-1,784.66	38.5%
Equipment Purchase	2,630.41	4,800.00	-2,169.59	54.8%
Insurance	411.01	377.00	34.01	109.0%
Maintenance & Repair	752.48	1,900.00	-1,147.52	39.6%
Total Equipment	4,909.24	9,977.00	-5,067.76	49.2%
Events & Celebrations	876.71	1,200.00	-323.29	73.1%
Freight/Shipping	13,375.62	30,250.00	-16,874.38	44.2%
Fundraising Expenses	35.73	500.00	-464.27	7.1%
General Liability	12,861.14	19,625.00	-6,763.86	65.5%
Library Materials	5,261.72	10,500.00	-5,238.28	50.1%
Marine Facilities				
Insurance	805.25	3,300.00	-2,494.75	24.4%
Maintenance & Repairs	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Marine Facilities	805.25	3,800.00	-2,994.75	21.2%
Occupational Health	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Payroll Expenses				
Wages	210,081.45	407,512.40	-197,430.95	51.6%
Payroll Taxes	19,421.44	39,118.15	-19,696.71	49.6%
Paid Time off	4,181.24	22,878.92	-18,697.68	18.3%
Sick Leave	2,467.13	7,883.30	-5,416.17	31.3%
Health Insurance (company paid)	26,516.28	23,645.52	2,870.76	112.1%
Health Insurance Stipend	4,000.00	12,000.00	-8,000.00	33.3%
457(b) Employer Contribution	7,572.11	28,532.75	-20,960.64	26.5%
Workers Comp Insurance	9,993.57	11,358.61	-1,365.04	88.0%
Payroll Expenses - Other	-14,376.24	1,751.10	-16,127.34	-821.0%

July through December 2025

	Jul - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Total Payroll Expenses	269,856.98	554,680.75	-284,823.77	48.7%
Professional Services	852.50	30,000.00	-29,147.50	2.8%
Public Relations	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Repair & Replacement Fund	18,554.91	18,554.91	0.00	100.0%
Road Maintenance	65,852.55	215,000.00	-149,147.45	30.6%
Social Services				
GCEP dba The Rookery	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.0%
Total Social Services	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.0%
Stipend Supplies	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
Program	828.62	1,550.00	-721.38	53.5%
Supplies - Other	11,928.46	19,700.00	-7,771.54	60.6%
Total Supplies	12,757.08	21,250.00	-8,492.92	60.0%
Telecommunications	8,682.95	21,521.00	-12,838.05	40.3%
Training	3,470.27	19,004.00	-15,533.73	18.3%
Travel	11,715.19	19,638.00	-7,922.81	59.7%
Utilities				
Electricity	3,743.69	10,200.00	-6,456.31	36.7%
Fuel Oil	3,743.51	7,500.00	-3,756.49	49.9%
Utilities - Other	-836.59			
Total Utilities	6,650.61	17,700.00	-11,049.39	37.6%
Vehicle				
Fuel	668.32	1,500.00	-831.68	44.6%
Insurance	5,435.11	5,500.00	-64.89	98.8%
Maintenance & Repair	606.69	3,000.00	-2,393.31	20.2%
Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total Vehicle	6,710.12	12,000.00	-5,289.88	55.9%
Total Expense	524,109.03	1,153,958.66	-629,849.63	45.4%
Net Ordinary Income	318,682.89	0.00	318,682.89	100.0%
Net Income	318,682.89	0.00	318,682.89	100.0%

City of Gustavus
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

Item 2.

	<u>Dec 31, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
AMLIP Capital Improv Current (0630598.1)	303,539.70
AMLIP Capital Improv Long-Term (0630598.2)	687,485.57
AMLIP Repair & Replacement (0630598.3)	425,858.23
AMLIP Gravel Pit Fund (0630598.8)	33,712.51
AMLIP Reserve (0630598.12)	1,183,793.46
APCM.Endowment Fund	1,785,038.43
FNBA - Checking	446,607.49
FNBA Endowment Fund - Checking	10,278.46
Petty Cash	171.64
Total Checking/Savings	4,876,485.49
Accounts Receivable	5,364.05
Other Current Assets	25.00
Total Current Assets	4,881,874.54
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>4,881,874.54</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	166,044.58
Equity	
Fund Balance	3,346,607.68
Opening Bal Equity	1,084,743.57
Net Income	284,478.71
Total Equity	4,715,829.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>4,881,874.54</u>

0630598.1 AMLIP Capital Project Current - Funds allocated through NCOs for funded Capital Projects				Date and NCO
		AMLIP	Project	Remaining
Admin	CP19-03 Gustavus Beach Improv.	\$4,433.54	\$0.00	\$4,433.54
DRC	CP19-06 DRC Composting Facility	\$67,075.85	\$430.00	\$66,645.85
DRC	CP21-05 DRC Main Bldg Replacement: Design	\$326.60	\$326.60	\$0.00
DRC	CP24-01 DRC Balefill Expansion	\$45,944.19	\$20,654.92	\$25,289.27
RM	CP24-02 Same Old Road Drainage	\$69,003.00	\$0.00	\$69,003.00
Admin	CP24-04 Heat Pump Project	\$29,585.71	\$0.00	\$29,585.71
GVFD	CP24-05 AFG FEMA Match	\$33,404.77	\$0.00	\$33,404.77
Admin	CP25-01 City Hall Meter	\$16,089.26	\$0.00	\$16,089.26
GVFD	CP26-02 Fire Fighter 1 Training	\$32,000.00	\$7,139.56	\$24,860.44
			(\$445.38)	
	Interest earned FY26		\$6,122.16	Mathematical error when transferring funds at end of FY25
		\$303,539.70	\$28,551.08	\$269,311.84

Pending Transfers:		Amount	Introduced	Public Hearing
FY26-11	Gravel Pit funds	\$33,600.00	12/8/2025	1/12/2026
FY26-XX	Same Old Road	\$69,003.00	1/12/2026	1/19/2026

Accounts Receivable Detail**As of 12/31/2025**

\$719.04	Delinquent Sales Tax
\$4,641.10	Ambulance Transport Billing - In Progress
\$80.00	ABS Customer Invoice
(\$76.09)	Net of Other Customer Account Balances
\$5,364.05	Total

FNBA Checking Account - Unrestricted Funds Balance**As of 12/31/2025**

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: **\$446,607.49**

Obligated Funds Currently in Checking Account:

Admin	FY26-06 Council Computers	-\$2,968.80
GVFD	FY26-05 Wildlands Fire Truck	-\$11,000.00
Gravel Pit	Gravel Pit Funds	-\$36,300.00
Library	SoA OWL Internet Subsidy	\$600.00
Unrestricted Funds:		\$396,938.69

Pending Transfers:

Introduced

Pub. Hearing

FY26-09	New Council/Fire Chief Computers	\$2,968.00	12/8/2025	1/12/2026	Close Out
FY26-11	Gravel Pit Funds	\$36,300.00	12/8/2025	1/12/2026	Transfer to AMLIP Current

Per the Unrestricted Fund Balance Policy (Res. CY18-18), the unrestricted fund balance should be 17-35% of the 35% of the current Fiscal year's operating expenses, with a target of 25%.

FY26 budgeted operating expenses:

	\$1,153,958.66
25% =	\$288,489.67
17% =	\$196,172.97
35% =	\$403,885.53

- **Grants/Projects update:**

- Compost Facility

Update – We were not awarded this grant. The only application period for FY26 is for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia.

No other NOFO has been published yet. It is unclear whether there will be more funding for this program for other entities.

DRC - Recycling Center

Update – We issued an intent to negotiate with RESPEC. Both bids were higher than expected. We hope to set up a meeting with them in the next week.

- Good River Bridge Repair and Embankment Stabilization Project

Update – The 20% design document estimates showed increased costs which is not surprising since the original estimate was 2022/2023. Neither the City nor RESPEC were able to find as built information from when the bridge was constructed so they will have to perform an additional analysis of bridge-related structural details. Change orders have been submitted. I also met with Nikki Navio of the Denali Commission on the cost increases and the potential for a supplemental. She indicated that request would be reasonable but that we would have to submit a formal request that would be reviewed by a committee sometime in February. John Barry and I will be preparing this request with input from RESPEC.

- PIDP – Dock/Floats Protection - MARAD funding

No Update – The grant has been submitted, and we are awaiting notification – one way or the other. We can still resubmit for 2026 pending notification.

[MARAD-250225-001 Updated PIDP Notice of Funding Opportunity | MARAD](#)

- FLAP – Federal Lands Access Program for the sidepath from Good River corner to the NPS Boundary

No Update – The application has been submitted and we are awaiting notification.

- Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTA) Application

No Update – The program received 799 applications across 49 states and three US territories totaling over \$789 million in requested funding. Applications are still being reviewed. Nothing has been posted regarding a notification date. <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/RuralandTribalGrants>

- FEMA – AFG Water Tender

Update – The contract has been signed. I will be requesting an extension to the period of performance just to be safe; in case it is not able to be shipped prior to August of this year.

- Septage Management

Update – We received the final 100 percent Engineering Report on Gustavus Septage Management improvements/alternatives. It won't get signed until the Multi-Agency Review Committee (MARC) has approved the document. I have not reviewed it thoroughly yet to see if our comments were incorporated but from first glance I can already see that the Executive Summary has misstatements. John Barry will also provide a review. The City is not obligated to agree to implementing any of the alternatives presented in this report. However, as part of the Capital Improvement Projects program process, VSW would like to receive a resolution from the City indicating its disposition regarding the alternatives and recommendations in the PER. If anyone wants a copy, let me know and I can email it.

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A)

No Update – now have the subrecipient agreement with AML. Jim Mackovjak continues to attend the cohort and Item 3. meetings for the SS4A process. We will be engaging with AML for the next phase of the process. AML will prepare all of the reports, but we will need to input them.

- Thriving Communities Cohort

Update - This ongoing grant allows AML and ADOT&PF to work with us to identify community transportation needs and projects, help us prioritize them, and offer help in making those needs a reality. This includes:

- **Technical Assistance** – Guidance in navigating federal funding opportunities
- **Skill Building** – Enhancing the skills and capabilities of local government to manage transportation needs
- **Planning Support** – Assistance in developing local transportation plans
- **Community Engagement** – Facilitation of public involvement
- **Resource Identification** – Help in identifying and accessing relevant funding sources

I have been meeting with Jill Melcher, Southcoast Planning Chief, Alexandria Lawrence, ADOT Planner and Britta Hamre of the Alaska Municipal League on finalizing the Community Workplan and Sub Award Agreement that needs to be submitted to the federal agency this month. The purpose of the workplan is project prioritization, pre-development, enhanced targeted support for Thriving Community project implementation and coordination. This work plan is a framework to help us identify priorities, engage residents, and build momentum toward shared goals.

- I attended the AMMA (Alaska Municipal Managers Association) and AML (Alaska Municipal League) Annual Conferences in Anchorage the week of December 8th. Unfortunately, I was weathered in for the first day of the AMMA meeting. Among other informative sectionals Vice Mayor Beck and I attended the Thriving Communities sessions, so he could learn first hand how this will help us in developing a transportation plan for the community. Both agendas can be found here: <https://amlannual.org/agenda/> <https://alaskamanagers.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-AMMA-Annual-Conference-Agenda-FINAL-2.pdf> The available presentations are in blue on the right hand side.
- **Strengthening Gateway Communities:** We have not received an update from the NPS on the items discussed at the last meeting.
- A list of other tasks/items:
 - The recent Snowmaggedon event has taken up a lot of staff resources. Other work tasks have taken a backseat to our already full workload. Suffice it to say we are not only digging out from the snow but from our work that has been on hold while we all navigated the storm, even if from afar. The list of communications and coordination during this event is long and could use an entirely separate report although we are still working on several components of the event. The Mayor has prepared an overview for the council. We solicited input from staff and will be compiling a list of suggestions as we attempt to prepare for a future such event.
 - Prepared the disaster resolution that we need to submit so we will hopefully be able to get approved for additional assistance and financial reimbursement for the recent snow events. I have asked staff to provide a list of expenses and projected repairs that will be needed to submit for reimbursement should we get approved under the Governor's disaster declaration.
 - Participated regularly in scheduled Infrastructure Office Hours and other related meetings and seminars, including community engagement, grant/project updates and our Thriving Communities cohort.
 - Various HR items, including updating Job Descriptions and writing performance evaluations
 - Received from Travis Miller the deliverables we agreed to for the GVFD Assessment with his recommendations. I will forward that to the council for your review.
 - AP&T items – Worked with AP&T to help mark transformer boxes during the snow event.
 - Staff Meeting – reviewed/discussed travel policies and compensation related to travel
- Council Questions or Comments?

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY26-XXNCO

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
 THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 – CLOSING OUT CAPTIAL PROJECT
 CP24-02 SAME OLD ROAD DRAINAGE**

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 2026, 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		Amended Balance	Change
	Account Balance*	<small>*Approximate, this is a dynamic value</small>		
CP24-02 Same Old Road Drainage <i>Transferring funds and closing out CP24-02</i>	\$ 69,003.00		\$ 0.00	\$ 69,003.00
AMLIP Capital Improv Long-Term <i>This transfer will move funds from FNBA Checking to Capital Project Long Term.</i>	\$ 685,027.83		\$ 754,030.83	\$ 69,003.00
Total Change in City Held Account Balances				\$ 0.00

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: *January 19, 2026*

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: *February 9, 2026*

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XX day of _____, 2026.

Sally A McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

Attest: Liesl M. Barker, City Clerk

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY26-08NCO

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
 THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 -ENDOWMENT FUND TRANSFER**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GUSTAVUS CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

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ACCOUNTS	Amounts		
	Account Balance*	Amended balance	Change
<i>*Approximate, this is a dynamic value.</i>			
APCM – Endowment Account	\$ 1,179,812.55	\$ 1,132,866.21	<\$ 46,946.34>
<i>2025 Endowment Funds for disbursement through grant application process.</i>			
FNBA Endowment Fund			
Checking account	\$ 12,332.95	\$ 59,279.29	\$ 46,946.34
<i>2025 Endowment Fund Grant Checking account for disbursement</i>			
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Total Change in Account Balances			\$ 0.00

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DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 19, 2026

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

 Sally A McLaughlin, Mayor

 Attest: Ben P Sadler, City Treasurer

 Attest: Morgan E. Peterson-Park, Acting Clerk

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY26-09NCO

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
 THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 –
 CLOSING CAPITAL PROJECT CP26-01 NEW COUNCIL COMPUTERS**

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 2026, 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		Amended Balance	Change
	Account Balance*	<small>*Approximate, this is a dynamic value</small>		
CP26-01 New Council Computers <i>Transferring funds and closing out CP26-01</i>	\$ 2,968.80		\$ 0.00	\$ 2,968.80
AMLIP Capital Improv Long-Term <i>This transfer will move funds from FNBA Checking to Capital Improvements Long Term.</i>	\$ 685,027.83		\$ 687,996.63	\$ 2,968.80
Total Change in City Held Account Balances				\$ 0.00

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: December 8, 2025

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 19, 2026

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XX day of _____, 2026.

Sally A McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

Attest: Morgan E. Peterson-Park, Acting Clerk

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY26-10NCO

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
 THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 FOR THE OLD POST OFFICE
 BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT PHASE 2**

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 2026, 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		Amended Balance	Change
	Account Balance*	<small>*Approximate, this is a dynamic value</small>		
CP26-03 Old Po Building Phase 2	\$ 0.00		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,500.00
<i>Funding to be transferred to AMLIP Capital Current Account</i>				
AMLIP Capital Improv Long-Term	\$ 685,027.83		\$ 667,527.83	\$ 17,500.00
<i>This transfer will move funds from Capital Project Long-Term to Capital Project Current. These funds may be moved to FNBA Checking if needed to cover costs of the above-named Capital Project CP26-XX Old PO Building Renovation Phase 2.</i>				
Total Change in City Held Account Balances				\$ 0.00

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: December 8, 2025

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 12, 2026

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XX day of _____, 2026.

Sally A McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

Attest: Morgan E. Peterson-Park, Acting Clerk

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY26-11NCO

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
 THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN FISCAL YEAR 2026 - TRANSFERRING GRAVEL PIT
 FUNDS TO AMLIP CURRENT CAPITAL**

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 2026, 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	\$ 521,241.70	\$ 484,941.70	\$ 36,300.00
<i>Transferring gravel pit funds to AMLIP Current Capital until needed to pay for City gravel.</i>			
AMLIP Capital Improv Current	\$ 302,626.54	\$ 338,926.54	\$ 36,300.00
<i>This transfer will move funds from FNBA Checking to AMLIP Capital Current Improvements.</i>			
Total Change in City Held Account Balances			\$ 0.00

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: December 8, 2025

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: January 19, 2026

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XX day of _____, 2026.

 Sally A McLaughlin, Mayor

 Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

 Attest: Morgan E. Peterson-Park, Acting Clerk



**City of Gustavus, Alaska
Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD)
Position Description**

Title: Fire Chief

Position: Exempt Regular Part-time Position (.75 FTE)

The Fire Chief position is an exempt, part-time position (.75 FTE). The Chief is expected to work the equivalent of approximately 30 hours per week, but with flexible hours to provide emergency response and as mutually determined with supervisor.

Supervisor: City Administrator

Supervises: Volunteer Assistant Chief, Fire Captain, Lead Dispatcher, and department volunteer fire responders. Collaborates with EMS Coordinator on scheduling and training for EMS volunteers.

Summary: The Fire Chief holds responsibility for most aspects of fire department operations, including fire suppression and prevention and rescue efforts, develops and coordinates updates to emergency management plans and hazardous materials response, provides local inspections and delivers community safety education. Maintains readiness of the department infrastructure, equipment and tools. Coordinates fire drills and fire trainings with input from volunteers. Regularly collaborates with the EMS Coordinator to help recruit GVFD volunteers, develop and implement EMS protocols and policies, and cooperates with other agencies for EMS fire response. Builds and maintains positive relationships with the community, other agencies and stakeholders.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Fire Chief is accountable for the following essential duties, but the Chief may delegate duties to department volunteers.

- Plans, coordinates, supervises and evaluates department operations for fire and emergency management.
- Recruits, provides training opportunities, and directs the activities of volunteer firefighters to ensure that trained firefighters are available in the event of a fire.
- Serves as an effective leader of the department volunteer responders through a shared understanding of the role of the GVFD and its volunteers as an essential function within the City of Gustavus.
- Manages department administrative functions including inventories, maintenance records, training records, agency reporting, run sheets, ambulance billing, and HIPAA compliance assurance.
- Responds to emergency calls: Coordinates department resources for a proper and timely response. Is prepared to take the role of incident commander at major incidents.
- Ensures effective command and control techniques are in place at the scene of the fire.
- Assigns equipment and personnel for response to calls for outside aid where mutual aid agreements are in force and in other cases only when the absence of such equipment and personnel will not compromise the City's ability to provide fire protection and emergency medical services within the City of Gustavus.



- Responsible for maintaining fire department facilities and keeping equipment in a clean, organized, safe, and ready condition. Conducts or coordinates maintenance and inspections of response vehicles, equipment, turnout gear and station facilities to assure response readiness within approved budget. Maintains data for maintenance logs.
- Plans departmental operations along with EMS Coordinator with respect to equipment, apparatus, supplies, company assignments, personnel, and safety requirements. Supervises the implementation of such plans.
- Develops, maintains, and enforces department operating procedures governing training, maintenance, and operation of the GVFD.
- Organizes regular fire drills or training sessions scheduled on a regular basis. Collaborates with EMS Coordinator for EMS drills and trainings or joint trainings where applicable
- Coordinates with private, state, and federal training officers for the additional training of department personnel. Maintains training records for GVFD responders.
- Prepares, in consultation with the EMS Coordinator, City Administrator, City Treasurer and Mayor, the draft GVFD annual budget, including operational and capital requirements.
- Plans and oversees fire facility improvements within budget approved by City Council and makes recommendations for new or replacement facilities and equipment.
- Serves as GVFD purchasing agent. Controls departmental expenditures within Council-approved budget appropriations, in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures and direction from the City Treasurer.
- Maintains necessary records and other controls over all response gear such as inventories, maintenance records, maps etc.
- Conducts community outreach for fire prevention, emergency preparedness, pre-fire planning, fire extinguisher, first aid, and CPR training.
- Serves as the City representative with the National Park Service at Bartlett Cove regarding Fire protection and response.
- Collaborates with the EMS Coordinator when they arrange for the services of a medical director to provide for safety, effectiveness, and legal compliance in responses to medical emergencies.
- Prepares and submits a quarterly report of GVFD activities to the City Council. Prepares and submits other reports as requested by the Council regarding the department's activities.
- Meets with elected or appointed officials, other Fire/EMS officials, community and business representatives and the public regarding GVFD activities.
- Assists the State Fire Marshal and other authorities in the investigation of the cause and origin of fires within City limits. Enforces applicable State fire protection and prevention regulations within the City as directed by the State Fire Marshal and authorized by State law.
- Attends training, conferences, and meetings subject to approval and budget to remain current on regulations, standards, and best practices.
- Develops and submits grant applications, in compliance with City policies and procedures to support departmental operations, facility improvements and equipment purchases.



- Communicates Effectively:
 - Contributes effectively to discussions and meetings
 - Fosters open channels of communication
 - Speaks and writes clearly, particularly in radio communications and incident protocols
 - Communicates in a manner that is appropriate while representing the department and the City
 - Conveys information via clear and concise spoken communications and/or legible directions/information
- Is readily available for discussion, debriefs, and encourages open communication
- Other job-related duties as assigned and agreed

Required Minimum Qualifications – Education, Certification, and Experience:

- Graduation from high school or GED equivalent
- State Firefighter 1 certification
- EMT basic or higher certification
- EMT-2 Certification or obtain the certification prior to one year anniversary of hire
- General work experience or certifications involving leading, managing, training, and supervising workers or volunteers.
- This position requires recruiting/selection, training, financial and supervisory skills as evidenced by experience and performance in an all-volunteer or combination emergency response or similar system
- Twenty-five years of age or older at time of hire.

Desired Qualifications – Education, Certification, and Experience

- Other advanced EMS certifications
- Enrolled in or completed the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program
- Advanced Firefighter and Fire Officer certifications
- Advanced college-level training - certificate or degree (i.e., AS in Fire Sciences or BS in Fire Management/Administration)
- Prior work experience of a progressively responsible nature providing for and/or managing firefighting and prevention, and/or emergency medical services, and/or hazardous material response including supervisory duties.
- Possess or be able to obtain within one month of hire, a valid **State of Alaska** Driver's License. (Commercial Driver's License preferred)
- Ability to meet physical demands of emergency response activities in the Southeastern Alaskan environment.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

Position requires familiarity with municipal government structure, roles, and processes, plus knowledge, skills, and abilities in:

- Modern fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical services principles, including procedures, techniques, and equipment.
- Identifying and applying laws, ordinances, departmental standard operating procedures and regulations necessary and appropriate to the provision of fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical services.
- Recruiting, training, and leading volunteer fire fighters and EMS responders in a small-town department
- Using tools and equipment needed for operation and maintenance of GVFD response equipment.
- Effective written communications skills including the ability to prepare reports, business documents and correspondence
- Clear and effective public relations and public speaking skills
- Exercising sound judgment in evaluating situations and in making decisions.
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with Department volunteers, other City employees, the Council, supervisors, and the public.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those the position is expected to encounter.

- Must frequently lift and/or move objects weighing up to 20 pounds, and occasionally up to 70 pounds.
- Will have to carry heavy firefighting equipment while climbing ladders and going through buildings.
- Vision requirements for this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.
- Must hear well enough to discern oral and radio communications in a noisy emergency response environment.
- Will be required to don, and perform work in, personal protective equipment including fire turn-out gear, self-contained breathing apparatus, air-purifying respirator, eye protection, and hearing protection.

Work Environment Conditions:

The work environment conditions described here are representative of those the position is expected to encounter while performing the essential job functions. The work is performed in the fire hall office, in public meetings, on the apparatus floor, in vehicles, and in outdoor settings, under all weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during day and night, and in emergency and stressful situations. The work may involve physical draining and exhausting activities, which may include taking command of a fire scene, participating in emergency response situations and being involved in physically dangerous situations.



They may additionally be exposed to the following work conditions and hazards:

- Cold and/or wet weather
- Fire and explosion hazards
- Airborne inhalation hazards including toxic smoke, gasses, vapors, dusts, mists, and fumes
- Hazardous liquids such as petroleum products and toxic household or light industrial materials
- Hazardous physical agents such as electric shock, noise (which may exceed 100 dBA for brief periods), whole body vibration, and heavy work in ergonomically awkward positions
- Hazardous biological agents such as blood-borne pathogens

Tools and Equipment Used:

Emergency medical vehicles and equipment, EMS supplies, fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, and other standard firefighting equipment, ladders, emergency medical equipment, radio, pager, 911 communication system, computers, e-mail, phone, and facsimile.

Notice

CoG 3.03.010(a) (3) (B)

All positions are located within the City of Gustavus, and all work will be conducted in the City of Gustavus, unless the employee is on an authorized business or training trip or is authorized to conduct business while on approved absence.

CoG 3.04.02 (d) (2) (B)

The examples of duties and responsibilities included in this position description are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work typically performed. The omission of specific statements of duties and responsibilities does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

This position description does not constitute an employment agreement between the City of Gustavus and an applicant for the position or an employee holding the position. The position description is subject to change by the City of Gustavus, in its sole discretion, as the needs of the City and requirements of the position change.

The City of Gustavus is an Equal Opportunity Employer

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY-26-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA, OPPOSING THE USE OF
HEAVY FUEL OIL BY VESSELS IN ALASKA WATERS**

WHEREAS, a healthy marine environment supports the health and wellbeing of Alaska's residents by providing access to marine resources that are a cornerstone of our food security and healthy diet, including salmon, halibut, crab, and other species; and

WHEREAS, the ability of Alaskans to live close to the land and waters and to harvest, hunt, and subsist in a healthy and productive environment is a core Alaska value; and

WHEREAS, a healthy marine environment also provides many key economic opportunities, including commercial fisheries, the recreation industry, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, we Alaskans, as stewards of our natural environment, are responsible for passing on a healthy place to future generations; and

WHEREAS, most large cruise ships operating in Southeast Alaska's waters typically burn approximately 45,000 gallons of fuel daily for propulsion, primarily heavy fuel oil (HFO), a viscous residue from the refining of crude oil and the cheapest and dirtiest fuel oil sold in North America; and

WHEREAS, HFO contains high concentrations of metals, long-chain hydrocarbons, and sulfur; and

WHEREAS, to minimize air pollution, the engine exhaust from cruise ships burning HFO is "scrubbed" by spraying it with a mist of saltwater, and this saltwater, with its pollutants, is discharged overboard; and

WHEREAS, HFO pollution can be avoided by using cleaner fuel that is carried aboard cruise ships for use in locations where they cannot burn HFO, such as in Glacier Bay; and

WHEREAS, immediately after leaving Glacier Bay and entering Icy Strait, cruise ships may revert to burning heavy fuel oil and discharging scrubber wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the State of California prohibits the burning of heavy fuel oil in its marine waters, and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus, Alaska, opposes the discharge of pollutants into Alaska waters; and

WHEREAS, burning cleaner fuel is protective of our environment and the long-term health of our communities and economy; and

WHEREAS, switching to cleaner fuel while in Alaska waters does not pose an undue economic burden on the cruise industry and is estimated to cost about \$25 per passenger on a week-long cruise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus, Alaska, calls on the shipping and cruise ship industries to end the use of heavy fuel oil and the discharge of scrubber wastewater in all of Alaska's marine waters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Gustavus, Alaska, calls on the State of Alaska to prohibit the use of heavy fuel oil and exhaust scrubbers in Alaska state waters.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this ____ day of , 2026, and effective upon adoption.

Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Morgan Peterson-Park, Acting City Clerk



CALL FOR CLEANER FUEL

DITCHING DIRTY FUEL A SOLUTION TO SCRUBBER POLLUTION IN ALASKA

Item 11.

CLEAR BENEFITS OF CLEANER FUEL USE IN ALASKA WATERS

Alaska is known for its pristine waters, beautiful to behold and home to prized fish, majestic whales, playful marine mammals and so much more. These waters have long provided for harvesters of seafood and coastal plant life and today enable industries like fishing, mariculture, tourism and recreation. Harvesters, commercial fishermen, tourism operators and all who live, visit and recreate in the region rely on these waters being clean. The bad news is heavy fuel oil burned in Alaska waters creates pollution that puts it all at risk. The good news is we can protect it all by using of cleaner fuel.

THE DIRT ON DIRTY FUEL

WHAT IS HEAVY FUEL OIL?

Heavy Fuel Oil is a dirty, tarry, viscous leftover product of refining that has long been disposed of in ship fuel. It's used because it's cheap and benefits corporate bottom lines; it's not needed for the safe operation of ships — they're equipped to burn cleaner fuel and already do in some circumstances. Heavy Fuel Oil is high in sulfur and can only be used with an exhaust gas scrubber to comply with international sulfur limits.



A WHOLE LOT OF PROBLEMS AND SULFUR IS JUST ONE

Even with the use of scrubbers, ships burning HFOs release considerably more particulate matter, nitrous oxides, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and black carbon into the air compared with cleaner fuels. Black carbon is one of the primary drivers of Arctic warming and increases 81% when using HFO with scrubbers.



IT'S A WASH: (SLIGHTLY) CLEANER AIR AT THE EXPENSE OF CLEAN WATER

HFO vessels using scrubbers discharge wastewater that contains heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, nitrites and nitrates, sulfates, and particulate matter pollutants.



A FOOD CHAIN REACTION

Water pollution discharges from scrubber systems can persist within the marine environment for decades. Scrubber wastewater, even at extremely low concentrations, has been shown to disrupt biological processes and threaten the health and wellbeing of Alaska's marine ecosystem, on which Alaskans rely for food, cultural, and economic security.



WHAT ABOUT YOU, A HUMAN?

Alaskans are exposed through activities in our nearshore waters and consumption of seafood in which HFO generated pollutants bioaccumulate. Exposure to air pollutants like black carbon is linked to a number of serious health risks including cancer.



SPILL RISK

Large cruise ships carry millions of gallons of HFO through our waters each year. When spilled, HFO's density allows it to sink and resurface, prolonging environmental impacts and making it much more expensive and difficult to clean.



THE WORKAROUND FOR BURNING DIRTY FUEL |||

Exhaust gas scrubbers allow ships to keep burning cheaper, high-sulfur, heavy fuel oil instead of cleaner burning distillate fuel. To satisfy international sulfur limits they 'scrub' the exhaust, but those pollutants have to go somewhere.

WHAT GOES IN MUST COME OUT

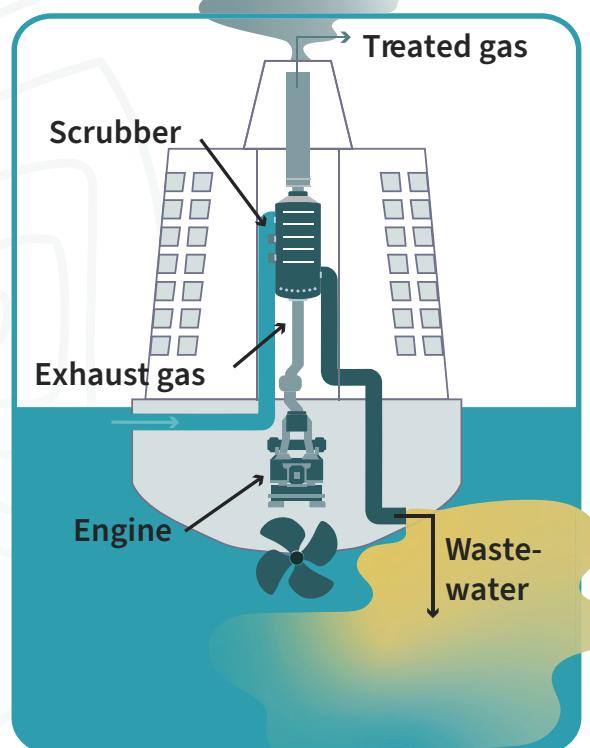
Most scrubbers are open-loop and spray large volumes of clean seawater through the highly acidic exhaust to 'wash' the sulfur out, discharging polluted water.

ONE SHIP DISCHARGES MILLIONS OF GALLONS DAILY

Open loop scrubbers continuously discharge this polluted wastewater into the sea at estimated volumes ranging from 6.3 to 8.7 million gallons per day — for a medium sized ship.

A TROUBLESOME TREND

Scrubbers have been installed on almost all large cruise ships that visit Alaska, allowing them to burn heavy fuel oil.



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POLLUTION SOLUTION |||

SO SIMPLE BUT NOT SO EASY

There's a simple solution — ships can burn cleaner fuel to cut both air and water pollution — but this solution is not likely to be employed voluntarily because cleaner fuel comes with higher costs. It is possible, though — Alaska's smaller cruise ships burn cleaner distillate fuel.

A CALL FOR CLEANER FUEL

Alaska can and should join the roughly 50 countries, regions and ports that have taken action to end this pollution. What that action looks like in Alaska is a requirement for cleaner fuel use in Alaska waters.

THE BIG ASK |||

A WAVE OF SUPPORT FOR CLEAN WATER

We're working toward a cleaner fuel solution to ensure clean water for Alaskans — sign our petition and sign up for email alerts to be notified of opportunities to take action.

HEAR FROM HARVESTERS



Hear the voices of real people who rely on Alaska's marine waters. More than a dozen harvesters shared their stories for SEACC's 2025 Tide Book.



We acknowledge the Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people who have been stewards of the forests and waters of this land since time immemorial and continue to do so today, and on whose land we each do our work and live our lives.

LEARN



CONNECT



From: Whitney Rapp
To: Kathy Leary
Subject: Re: Ocean Ranger and surrogates
Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 7:37:58 PM

The park only allows MGO (marine gas oil), otherwise most use HFO (heavy fuel oil) when not here. Yes, you may share. Scott Gende of NPS can shed the most light.

On Mon, Jan 12, 2026, 7:25 PM Kathy Leary <kathy.leary@gustavus-ak.gov> wrote:

Does that answer the questions that were being asked. Should I share it or? Maybe send to Jim Kearns and Jim Mack.

Kathy Leary

City Administrator

City of Gustavus

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administrator@gustavus-ak.gov

<https://gustavus-ak.gov/>

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From: Whitney Rapp <whitneyrapp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2026 7:22 PM
To: Kathy Leary <kathy.leary@gustavus-ak.gov>
Subject: Ocean Ranger and surrogates

Once the Ocean Ranger program was abandoned by state, the park stepped in locally. Two reports

For 2022 - <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2299026>

For 2023 - <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2302885>

Park has contracted with Marine Exchange of Alaska

CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY26-01

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER AND
REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA**

WHEREAS, commencing on December 27, 2025, the City of Gustavus, Alaska sustained record breaking non-stop snowfall resulting in overwhelming local heavy equipment and operator capacity, impassable roads and driveways, insufficient space on gravel roads to push additional snow after initial plowing, severe damage to city and personal and real property including collapsed roofs, overhangs and other structures, such as the Disposal and Recycling Center's compost facility and the library storage shed, a mostly sunken boat ramp float, winter road and drainage conditions that threatens life and property from heavy snow loads including lack of access to the only gravel pit in the area; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus has incurred high storm-related costs exceeding its winter maintenance budget due to extra snow plowings, contracted use of heavy equipment such as loaders to open roads, clear intersections, sand roads, and clear parking areas, and for staff overtime for clearing snow from city building roofs and operating areas; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus will continue to incur additional extra storm-related costs as it continues to clear city roads, intersections, and facility operating areas; and,

WHEREAS, Gustavus residences, businesses, electric utility and non-profit agencies have incurred and will continue to incur similar storm-related costs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus has documented the extra costs expended by the City of Gustavus to date; and,

WHEREAS, those snow loads are now causing flooding of several icy roads with potential damage or destruction on one of the main arterial gravel roads that contain buried transmission lines and transformer boxes, creating conditions which will likely damage utilities, and transportation infrastructure, including the only access to the hydro power plant; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus is a political subdivision that has jurisdictional boundaries outside of a recognized borough in the Chatham REAA (Rural Education Attendance Area); and,

WHEREAS, the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of local resources; and there are insufficient regularly appropriated funds to cover these expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gustavus City Council does declare a disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140 to exist in the City of Gustavus and is contained within the

Attachment if any

City of Gustavus, Alaska
Resolution CY22-XX
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boundaries of the Disaster Declaration for the Southeast Winter Storm issued by Governor Dunleavy on January 10, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that, based on the Governor's Disaster Declaration for the Southeast Winter Storm, the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to the City of Gustavus in its response and recovery from this event. Specifically, the City of Gustavus requests disaster relief and additional heavy equipment for city roads, drainages and facilities. On behalf of damaged personal, real, and subsistence property, public disaster assistance for emergency protective measures where needed, PFAS testing of flooded drainages, with technical assistance and funding to evaluate the damage to, and perform needed repairs to, the city infrastructure.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026, and effective upon adoption.

Sally A. McLaughlin, Mayor

Attest: Morgan Peterson-Park, Acting Clerk

Mayor's Monthly Report

January 2026

Winter 2025-26 will remain in our collective memory for many years to come...and it is far from over! First was a long and very cold spell, unusual in its length and severity. It was beautiful, though, and the clear skies made the days seem longer than they actually were, a gift for this time of year. Thanks go out to all those who checked on their neighbors, assisted with frozen car doors and frozen pipes, jumped vehicles or provided rides, delivered fuel and propane at all hours, and generally made sure that everyone was safe and warm.

Then came the snow, which just didn't stop. We were woefully unprepared for the amount of snow we got in such a short time, and many lessons were learned by us as a city, as a community and individually. We are critically short of heavy equipment to efficiently move snow from 22 miles of road, and we do not have a good emergency preparedness plan in place. However, we are a resourceful and resilient bunch and by pulling together we got through it...for now. I again heard accounts of folks helping each other out in many ways. Residents were very responsive to our requests to stay put and maintained a positive and patient attitude. We truly have a community that cares for and supports each other, and I am thankful to live here.

Coordinating with Glacier Bay Construction and Fairweather Construction on snow removal efforts, working with department heads to monitor situations at city buildings and work sites, keeping City Hall open and cleared of snow, as well as keeping the community informed, consumed a large amount of my time, but it was all accomplished by having great working relationships, good humor and cooperation from all. Winter still has a few more months to throw whatever it wants at us...as I write this, we are experiencing heavy rains with more snow predicted.

Xunaa Borough: An Appellant's Opening Brief was filed in Alaska Superior Court on December 19, 2025. There will now be time for both Hoonah and the LBC to file response briefs and then the communities can respond to those. Hoonah has filed a Notice of Routine Extension and were granted a new due date of February 27, 2026; the due date to file our response is March 19. 2026. The next step will be oral arguments in Court and then the Court has up to six months to make their decision.

Staff Meeting: No staff meeting was held in December. The January meeting will take place on Wednesday the 14th and departments will be debriefing the snow event which will help to inform our emergency preparedness and to be better prepared in the future.

Saturday Market Table: We had a table at the December Second Saturday Market, displaying information about City projects and the Council, and we had various City forms available. Four council members spent time talking to folks and asking them to provide comments if they wished. This event was very successful, lots of people stopped to visit with us, and many expressed their

appreciation to us for being available. It was a great opportunity to meet more members of the community. We may want to do this again in February or March.

Other:

I spent time this past month on:

- Mugs & Matters at the Fireweed, Fridays at 11 (although I missed a few over the holidays and snowstorm days)
- Shoveled a lot of snow
- Attended and made welcoming remarks at the first annual Christmas tree lighting and carol singing at the Community Center
- Attended the Local Boundary Commission meeting to review their draft Annual Report to the Legislature
- Regular monthly meeting with Vice Mayor Beck
- Regular Friday meetings with the City Administrator
- Met with individual council members to review ongoing projects
- Met with Council member Hutton to review the ordinance amendment process
- Worked with Vice Mayor Beck on a Policy & Procedure for staff travel
- Working with Acting Clerk Morgan on meeting agendas and packets

As always, community members, council members and city staff are encouraged to contact me if you have concerns or want to share thoughts or ideas.

Or join me at the Fireweed, Fridays at 11!

Sally McLaughlin, Mayor

Dear City of Gustavus,

I attended the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Annual Conference in Anchorage in December 2025. The conference provided an opportunity to learn from the experiences of other Alaskan communities, as well as interface with governmental and private organizations that are or could be important to City functions and the well-being of our community. Major themes at the Conference included changing Federal priorities, state budget shortfalls and challenges to communication between local Governments and constituents created by a fragmented media ecosystem.

I would like to highlight that the state Department of Transportation (DOT) is currently working to update the Southeast Alaska Transportation Plan which will guide the priorities for transportation infrastructure in our region for the next twenty years:

<https://www.southeastalaskatransportationplan.com/> At the AML conference I was provided an opportunity to give feedback to DOT regarding community priorities for transportation, including both state owned infrastructure and our general concerns. I highlighted the importance of maintaining regular ferry service and affordability challenges related to air service. Additional comments may be submitted to DOT at the following address: SEATP@dowl.com

Thank you!

Best regards,

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