



CITY OF GUSTAVUS

CITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, August 14, 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
Acting City Clerk - Karen Platt
City Treasurer – Ben Sadler
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AGENDA

DRAFT 08-14-2023 GENERAL MEETING AGENDA AND PACKET

ROLL CALL

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 07-07-2023 General Meeting Minutes

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

2. Gustavus Visitors Association YE Expense / Progress Report
3. Disposal and Recycling Center Quarterly Report
4. City Treasurer Monthly Financials
5. City Administrator Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

6. FY24-XXNCO Introduction of Capital Project Funding to AMLIP Reserve (Public Hearing 09-18-2023)
7. Approve Calculation of the Endowment Fund Grant Amount for the FY24 Cycle

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

8. FY24-02NCO Capital Project Funding to AMLIP Capital Project Current (Introduced 07-17-2023)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

9. CY23-XX Establishing Policy and Procedure for Restricted Funds and AMLIP Account Management
10. CY23-XX Supporting the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Airport Fence Upgrade Project

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

11. Mayor's Report

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

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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- PENDING

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

Reading of the City of Gustavus Vision Statement

Council Member, Tania Lewis read the City of Gustavus Vision Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 06-19-2023 General Meeting Minutes
2. 06-26-2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Council Member Owens to approve by unanimous consent the 06/19/2023 General Meeting Minutes and the 06/26/2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Vice Mayor Bishop.

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

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mayor Taylor removed Agenda Item 11. Review of Proposal Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims with James F. Sarraco and Lisa L. Etherington in Sarraco v City of Gustavus and the State of Alaska with Legal Counsel at the request of the City Attorney.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Taylor announced the agenda set as presented minus Agenda Item 11. by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE / STAFF REPORTS

3. Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department Quarterly Report
Gustavus Volunteer Fire Chief, Sol Martinez submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

4. Marine Facilities Quarterly Report
Gustavus Marine Facilities Coordinator, Larry Platt submitted a written report and provided an oral summary and added that three signs were removed from the Gustavus Beach Park by an unknown person, a home and lodge trash dumping issues in trash receptacles, driving on beach continues to be a problem.
5. City Treasurer Quarterly Report & Monthly Financials
City Treasurer, Ben Sadler submitted written quarterly report, monthly financials and provided an oral summary.
6. City Administrator Report
City Administrator, Kathy Leary submitted a written report and provided an oral report summary.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jayleen Samora - New campfire site at the Gustavus Beach Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ORDINANCE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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

Mayor Taylor opened the Public Hearing at 7:49 P.M.
Public Comment: None

Mayor Taylor closed Public Hearing at 7:49 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member Taylor to adopt FY24-01NCO Gustavus Visitors Association FY24 Budget Amendment (Introduced 06-19-2023)

Seconded by Vice Mayor Bishop.

Council Comment:
Council Member Driscoll

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

8. Approve Disposal and Recycling Center Manager / Operator Pay Adjustment for Compliance with NPS Commercial Purchase Agreement

Motion made by Mayor Taylor to approve a pay adjustment for the DRC Manager/Operator of .38 bringing the pay from \$25.00 to \$25.38 / hr for a wage

that is in compliance with NPS Commercial Purchase Agreement between the City of Gustavus and Glacier Bay National Park.

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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 Driscoll, Council Member Owens

9. FY24-02NCO Introduction of Capital Project Funding to AMLIP Capital Project Current (Public Hearing 08-14-2023)

Motion made by Vice Mayor Bishop to approve the introduction of FY24-02NCO Capital Project Funding to AMLIP Capital Project Current with a Public Hearing taking place on 08-14-2023.

Seconded by Council Member Lewis.

Public Comment: None

Council Comment:

Council Member Driscoll

Mayor Taylor

Council Member Owens

Council Member Taylor

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

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

10. Mayor Report

Mayor Taylor submitted a written report and provided an oral summary.

CITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Council Member Driscoll - HEC Grant and Mobility Equipment and vacant library position.

Council Member Mackovjak - Hydro Public Access

Council Member Bishop - Local law enforcement

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Date

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, Acting City Clerk

Date

DRAFT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA/PACKET FOR REVIEW AT WORK SESSION

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
ORDINANCE FY24-XXNCO**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF
THE CITY HELD ACCOUNTS IN 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, 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		Change
	Account Balance*	Amended Balance	
FNBA Checking Account	\$ 984,734.40	\$ 684,734.40	<\$ 300,000.00>
<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 Reserve	\$ 479,641.39	\$ 779,641.39	\$ 300,000.00
<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: August 14, 2023

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING: September 18, 2023

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this ____th day of ____, 2023.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

Attest: Kathy Leary, City Administrator

Calculation of Endowment Fund Grant Amount for 2023 Award Cycle
Per CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA RESOLUTION CY19-14
A RESOLUTION REVISING POLICY AND PROCEDURE
FOR GUSTAVUS ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT AWARDS

TITLE: POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR AWARDING GRANTS
FROM THE ENDOWMENT FUND EARNINGS

APPLICABLE PROCEDURE (EXCERPT FROM FULL DOCUMENT):

The following steps shall be followed by the City Mayor or his/her designee:

1. Inflation-Adjusted Principal Value determination. By July 31st of each year, calculate the inflation-adjusted value as of June 30 of the original principal of the Fund, further adjusted as necessary per additions made over time to the principal, using the following steps applying the Anchorage Consumer Price Index (CPI) as posted in July for the first half of the calendar year by the Alaska Department of Labor at <http://www.labor.alaska.gov/research/cpi/cpi.htm>:

a) Determine the latest CPI index for Anchorage from the posted table.

New link: <http://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/cpi/index.cfm>

Latest CPI is 257.938 for first half of 2023 for Urban Alaska (formerly Municipality of Anchorage).

b) Determine the multiplier value by dividing the current CPI index by the 2004 index value of 165.6 (Average value for first half of 2004). $257.938 / 165.6 = 1.558$

c) Multiply the original value of the Fund (\$963,000) by the multiplier determined in step b. $\$963,000 \times 1.558 = \$1,499,965.54$

d) The result of the calculation in step c is the inflation-adjusted value of the original principal.

2. Present Market Value determination. Determine the present market value of the Fund as reported by the Fund manager for June 30 of the present year.

The present market value of the fund for June 30, 2023 was \$1,472,739.49

3. Excess earnings determination. Calculate the excess earnings in the Fund, from which distributions may be made, by subtracting the inflation adjusted principal from the present market value of the Fund.

The excess earnings available as of June 30, 2023 were:

$\$1,472,739.49 - \$1,499,965.54 = \$<27226.05>$

4. Available funding for fiscal year. Calculate the funding available as 3% of the average market value of the Fund at June 30 of the last five years.

Three percent of the average annual market value for five years through June 30, 2023 is calculated as:

June 2023:	\$1,472,739.49
June 2022:	\$1,441,997.18
June 2021:	\$1,637,337.02
June 2020:	\$1,473,942.38
June 2019:	\$1,466,213.91
Average:	\$1,498,249.52
3% of Average:	\$44,947.49

5. Grant funding availability determination. The maximum amount available for granting in the present year is 3% of Average Market Value *or* the present year Excess Earnings, whichever is less. Un-awarded/unexpended grant funds from previous years over \$1,000 will be returned to the Endowment Fund account to earn interest for future awards.

Three percent of the five-year Average Market Value is \$44,750.07. The Excess Earnings amount is \$<27,226.05>. The lesser of the two is \$<27,226.05>. Unused grant funds remain from previous years for an additional \$10,000.00, so \$10,000.00 may be made available.

6. Announcement of grant application period. The City Council may, on September 1 of each year, or as early thereafter as possible, post an announcement to the Gustavus public of the availability of Endowment Fund Grants with the total amount available. The announcement shall include criteria for selection, an application procedure, project scoping document, and a deadline of October 31.

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

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CITY HELD ACCOUNTS	Amounts		Change
	Account Balance*	Amended Balance	
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

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY23-XX**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY AND PROCEDURE
FOR RESTRICTED FUNDS AND AMLIP ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus's annual operating budget continues to yield a surplus each year; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus's current policy of moving funds from its investment accounts into the City's non-interest bearing checking account prior to the start of each capital project, costs the City interest income in excess of thousands of dollars each year; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus City Council has instructed the City Treasurer to create a Policy & Procedure that outlines the correct steps for allocating funds from one account to another in a manner that produces the highest yields from its current monetary assets; and,

WHEREAS, formal action is needed to adopt Policy and Procedure in order to manage restricted funds in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gustavus City Council adopts the document entitled "Policy and Procedure for Restricted Fund Balance and AMLIP Account Management", as presented by this Resolution.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council this ____ day of ____, 2023, and effective upon adoption.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Ben Sadler, City Treasurer

CITY OF GUSTAVUS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Restricted Funds and AMLIP Account Management

POLICY

The City of Gustavus has determined it to be a sound, financial practice to maintain restricted funds in AMLIP account "Capital Improvement - Current" until a time as it is deemed necessary to move the funds into its checking account to pay bills received for the projects in which the funds were previously allocated through the NCO process from any other AMLIP account or other source account. At the start of the fiscal year the Treasurer will recommend to the Council that the funds held in these accounts be reviewed to make any adjustments in accordance with the policy herein.

PROCEDURE

Restricted funds

Upon approval of a Capital Project an NCO will be created by the City treasurer to move funds from the source account into AMLIP account Capital Improvement -Current and from Capital Improvement – Current into the City's checking account. Once the NCO has been approved by the City Council, the treasurer will have the funds moved from the source account into AMLIP account Capital Improvement – Current. The second step of moving the funds into the City's checking account to pay for the projects the funds were allocated for, will be delayed until the project is underway and the funds are needed to pay the project's expenses.

The treasurer will create a document tracking these funds and will return any unused funds to a source account upon the completion of each project in which funds were allocated.

AMLIP Capital Improvement – Current

The AMLIP account Capital Improvement – Current is an interest-bearing holding account for all funds appropriated for Capital Projects by the City Council and approved through the NCO process. Funds placed in this account will be withdrawn and put in a checking account when/if needed to pay for the expenses incurred for the projects in which they were allocated. The treasurer will be responsible for tracking these funds and will return any unused funds to a source account upon the completion of each project.

AMLIP Capital Improvement – Long-term

The AMLIP account Capital Improvement – Long-term is an interest-bearing holding account for surplus funds or other funds the City Council deems appropriate for use for future Capital Projects. The City Council can at any time instruct the treasurer to move funds to or from Capital Improvement – Long-term through the NCO process for Capital project funding or other project funding as the City Council deems appropriate.

AMLIP Repair and Replace *

The AMLIP Repair and Replace is an interest-bearing holding account for the City's Repair and Replace funds. Each year the treasurer will recommend that an expenditure of funds, based on the 10% or 10-year philosophy (see appendix 1), be inserted into the budget. This amount will be included in the operating budget and approved through the budget process. The City Council will instruct the treasurer to move the funds from an appropriate source account, e.g., checking, through the NCO process. These funds will be held until a time the City Council deems it necessary to expend these funds for repairing or replacing the City's assets for which they are being held.

AMLIP Gravel Pit Fund

The AMLIP Gravel Pit Fund is an interest-bearing holding account for funds set aside to be used for future gravel pit expenses. Each budget cycle, the mayor and treasurer will insert an expenditure of funds to be decided by the City Council to add funds to this account into the operating budget. Upon adoption of the budget the treasurer will prepare an NCO to transfer these funds from an appropriate source account into this account.

AMLIP Reserve

The AMLIP Reserve is an interest-bearing holding account for surplus funds the City has not allocated or appropriated to any other account. The City Council may direct the treasurer to move any portion of surplus funds from checking or other AMLIP accounts into AMLIP account Reserve.

*** Appendix 1.**

For replacement of items with a life expectancy of more than one year but not more than ten years, the city should set aside 100% of the replacement value in order to purchase the item when needed. To calculate the amount to set aside each year, divide the replacement cost by its life expectancy.

For replacement of items with a life expectancy of more than ten years, the city should set aside 10% of the replacement value of each item. To determine the amount to set aside each year, multiply the estimated replacement cost by 10%, then divide that by the life expectancy of the asset. These are typically larger assets that the city would be looking for outside replacement funding for, and the R&R savings could be used as a down payment for a loan, a match for a grant, etc.

Signed

Mayor of the City of Gustavus

Date

**CITY OF GUSTAVUS, ALASKA
RESOLUTION CY23-XX**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF GUSTAVUS SUPPORTING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES AIRPORT FENCE UPGRADE PROJECT.**

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities owns, operates, and maintains the Gustavus Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Airport is very large with a large fence line and several access points; and,

WHEREAS, access points must be controlled and efficiently audited; and,

WHEREAS, gates and sections of fence are worn out and are beyond their service life: and,

WHEREAS, in addition to security, wildlife is also an issue with moose, bear, and other mammals; and.

WHEREAS, safe and efficient and safe operation of the airport in accordance with all State of Alaska and Federal regulations is essential to meeting the needs of the air-travelling public in Gustavus.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Gustavus, Alaska supports and encourages the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities project to upgrade airport fence gates at the Gustavus Airport to improve safety and the efficiency of operation.

PASSED and **APPROVED** by the Gustavus City Council this XXth day of , 2023, and effective upon adoption.

Mike Taylor, Mayor

Attest: Karen Platt CMC, City Clerk

Dan Kennedy
MAYOR
citytke@gmail.com

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July 19, 2023

Kathy Leary
City Administrator
City of Gustavus, Alaska

Re: City of Tenakee Springs on SB 1889

Dear Ms. Leary,

Below is a brief summary of the City of Tenakee Springs' interactions with Senator Murkowski and the Cedar Group, regarding Senate Bill 1889.

Last year, and again in 2023, we worked with Murkowski staff and the Cedar Group in good faith to:

1. create replacement land selections for about 2,500 acres, or approximately 11% of the total 23,040 acres proposed for conveyance to the Tenakee Urban Corporation in SB 1889; and
2. provide watershed protections for key salmon habitat on lands on the southwest side of Tenakee Inlet.

As of the date of this summary, Senator Murkowski has not yet made these modest requested changes. Additionally, Senator Murkowski has included an unrelated BLM land conveyance of ½ acre that benefits only a few Tenakee residents, and which the City of Tenakee Springs did not agree to.

This proposed ½ acre conveyance to the City of Tenakee Springs gives the appearance of Tenakee support for SB 1889. That is untrue. We oppose SB 1889 as currently written, and will continue to oppose it unless our 2,500 acres of land adjustments are implemented, and watershed protections are added for the absolutely critical cold water salmon streams southwest of Tenakee Inlet.

- Mayor and council members and the public met with Senator Murkowski in September of 2022 in Tenakee Springs to discuss Tenakee's position on a bill proposed by the Senator to create five new SE Alaska Urban Native Corporations, one of which would occur in and around Tenakee Springs. The city also discussed several other concerns including our unfinished hydro electric project, BLM land lease issues, our helipad, and garbage issues.
- During this meeting, the city made it clear that we were not opposed to righting past wrongs to native populations, nor would we oppose this bill if protection for our southwest shore salmon watersheds could occur as a compromise/offset for the huge impact that privatizing 23,040 acres in and around Tenakee Inlet would have.
- It has been a longstanding position of the city to defend our southwest inlet shores and headwaters watersheds from development, since they are unique and vitally important salmon rearing habitat. We provided stream temperature data collected over 17 years indicating the special importance of these watersheds, as compared to watersheds elsewhere in SE Alaska. Notably, they provide fresh, cold water from north facing slopes that is critical to salmon health and survival in our warming climate. They are

some of the best remaining salmon streams in SE Alaska.

- As stated at the outset, we urged Senator Murkowski to amend her bill to make approximately 2,500 acres of “tweaks” to the total 23,040 acres the Tenakee Urban Corporation would receive in the bill. The most important adjustments were to move selections out of Crab Bay, Seal Bay, and at the head of the inlet. This would relocate fewer than 11% of the original land selection acres, and grant the Tenakee Urban Corporation the exact same number of acres (23,040 acres) as they originally requested. The second change would provide for LUD II protected land status for the critical salmon streams on the southwest shore of Tenakee Inlet.
- Over the next several months, City Council members met and worked with Murkowski staff and the Cedar Group to come up with alternative land selections so that roughly 2,500 of original SB 1889 selections in Crab Bay, Seal Bay, and the head of Tenakee Inlet (Pegmatite) would be removed and replaced by lands chosen by the Urban Corporation in Freshwater Bay. Additionally, our council members worked to have the area selected at Game Connect to be slightly modified to move the selection away from a potential road connection between Hoonah and Tenakee.
- While it is true that no promises were made by Murkowski staff or the Cedar Group, our council members and mayor felt that the alternative land selections would be agreed to because they are very minor. Throughout the winter and spring, council members were in contact with Murkowski staff to inquire about the statues of the bill, and numerous times requested that we be informed if the bill was going to be introduced and if Tenakee’s watershed protection proposal was included. We were told we would be informed.
- In February of 2023, Murkowski staff visited Tenakee to further discuss the bill and indicated that they were working on a proposal for a BLM land conveyance of approximately ½ acre to the City of Tenakee Springs, which was one of several issues besides the Landless Native bill the mayor and council had discussed with Senator Murkowski during her fall visit.
- In April of 2023, Mayor Kennedy received an email from Murkowski staff indicating that the Senator felt comfortable pursuing a legislative fix to convey the land to the city without cost to the city. Mayor Kennedy replied by email that it seemed like a good solution to the BLM land lease issues and told Murkowski staff he would bring the proposal to the City Council about accepting ownership of the BLM lands.
- The city received more details of the land conveyance proposal, which now included costs to be paid by the city and restrictions to the management/lease arrangements to be conducted by the city. Our City Council reviewed the proposal at the April meeting and decided to table the discussion until more information could be gathered. At the following City Council meeting, we still had the original vague proposal and no additional information, so the City Council once again tabled the item to get clarification. Our council at this time had more questions than answers regarding the BLM land conveyance proposal.

On June 7th, 2023, the city learned that Senate Bill 1889 had been introduced by Senator Murkowski. As currently drafted, SB 1889:

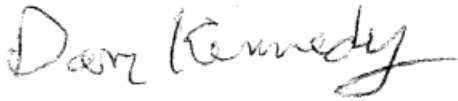
1. does not honor our request for 2,500 acres of land adjustments/tweaks; and
2. does not contain any protection for the critical watersheds southwest of Tenakee Inlet and at the head of the inlet; and
3. did not modify the Game Creek Connection parcel AND included the ½ acre BLM land conveyance which we never agreed to and do not support.

CITY OF TENAKEE SPRINGS

Item #11.

In June of 2023, by phone call and then with a follow-up letter to Murkowski and staff, I, Mayor Kennedy, informed the Senator that the **city would oppose the bill as currently written, and reiterated Tenakee's position to protect the world class salmon rearing watersheds, and furthermore insisted on removal of the Tenakee BLM land conveyance portion of the bill.**

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Dan Kennedy, Mayor
City of Tenakee Springs

DRAFT GENERAL MEETING AGENDA/PACKET FOR REVIEW AT WORK SESSION