



Public Works Committee Agenda

Regular Meeting Friday December 20, 2013 – 12:00 pm (Noon)
City Shop Conference Room

MEMBERS

Joseph A Klejka
Council Rep.
Term Expires
11/2013

Frank Neitz
Chair
Term Expires
12/2013

Jennifer Dobson
Vice-Chair
Term Expires
12/2014

Bill Schreiner
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2013

Scott Guinn
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2014

Donna Lindsey
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2016

Delbert Egoak
Committee Member
Term Expires
12/2015

Chuck Willert
Ex-Officio Member

Cheryl Roberts
Secretary/Recorder

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD – (15 Minute Limit)
Mike Nevenzal- Pool update
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A. November 20, 2013 Minutes unable to be completed will be attached for January, 2014 meeting –.
- VI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
- VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Water & Sewer Master Plan - Bill Arnold
B. Institutional Corridor - Feasibility Study – Bill Arnold
C. Lagoon Issues – Bill Arnold
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
A. Ridgecrest Drive -
B. Lighting around the ME school area
C. FAA sewer, possible dump station.
D. Sewer pipes for the new armory.
E. New public works director.
- IX. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- IX. MEMBER COMMENTS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/01/2013
TO: Lee Foley, City Manager
FROM: Chuck Willert, Public Works Director
SUBJECT: Manager's Report –

Programs/Divisions

Public Works Director:

Utility Maintenance:

We continue to level and thaw frozen sewer lines in ASHA. We also responded to nine after hour callouts two of them commercial. Our two water plants are now in winter mode. We also did some maintenance work on all pumps in both CSWTP and BHWTP. We continue to operate and monitor our water plants and liftstations on a daily basis.

Hauled Utilities:

Water=2,765,100 gallons- sewer=2,341,620 gallons- garbage= approx 300 tons. November water, sewer, and refuse figures, water a total of 15 drivers, delivered approx, 2,800,000 g, in 4715 stops, sewer totals are close to these numbers as well, and refuse is approx, 250 tons.

Hauled Utilities is still currently 5 drivers short. We have been using the help of road Maint. , landfill and recycle center drivers to fill trucks.

I have also been working on switching the route system to the computer, so that the ladies downtown have access to be able to make changes as they get them, so as to eliminate some of this triple paperwork situation that currently exists.

The newest issue we are facing is parking for the fleet; the winter has always presented a challenge for parking. I truly believe the sewer trucks and garbage trucks should be parked in a separate space from the domestic water trucks. As we purchase new trucks we will need more space to park.

Property Maintenance:

We installed a new Webster Burner at the Court House. It should improve the efficiency of the boiler and save us some money. We have had some problems with the electronic controls of the boilers at the Bethel Heights Pump House. We had to bring out Industrial Boiler from Anchorage to make repairs. We have been making

adjustments to all our heating equipment as the winter is getting colder. Pioneer Door replaced the duplex springs on the North door at the City Shop. There has been painting and carpeting going on at the Court House.

We have had lots of smaller projects going on as well. New windows and door at the landfill building, changing exterior lighting where they have gone bad and servicing our ventilation equipment as needed. We have had lots of snow to clear around entrance ways, stairs, decks, spreading salt/sand to make for safe walking and thawing frozen locks. I have been utilizing community service workers daily to assist us; they are very useful for a lot of small tasks.

Road Maintenance:

Streets and Road lay down some gravel on Noel Polty road going into Kassuli Subdivision. We fill in some of the thin areas on that road so it would hold up a little longer after it was gradate. It rain so much this last month even the gravel road being wet as it was did not hold up to the grading. So when it did freezes up some of the roads that were muddy had ruts, and bumps in it. On those roads, we used the grader with the sheared blades to scrape the ruts on the roads to make it make it a little smoother. We also fill some of the pot holes with gravel on the roads that need it to make it smoother to drive on.

Streets and Roads also been hauling cover sand to the landfill as you have time. We will keep this up until it freezes up, or if it snows a lot and keeps us busy. Streets and Roads, has been chaining up the graders, and loaders to be ready when the roads are really ices. We will need this to pull out the water & sewer trucks when it is ices, and also to plow snows when to roads are slippery.

Vehicles and Equipment:

We have been catching up on a lot of the minor repairs that have been needed on many of the water and sewer trucks. We have a new mechanic, Tom McCallson who has been a great addition to our Department. He is a specialist in vehicle electronics and general mechanics all around. With his addition we have been able to get a lot of the work lights and brake light problems solved and repaired.

We have been very busy with working through the weekends some to keep up with the hauled utilities department, for the preparation for the holidays, which is usually a very busy time all around the shop. Josh has been working hard on the new sander trucks so that when this winter weather hits full on, the vehicles will be ready to go. Charles has just finished up a few radio installations for the police dept. which required a lot more work than had been expected. Now that a lot of the minor repairs are about caught up, John and Charles are going to try to finish the installation of our new large truck rack.

Transit System:

Currently we're operating two bus routes during the week and one on Saturday. The **Green Line** runs for 10.5 hours per day, 6:30am to 10:30am and 11:30am to 6:00pm, and the **(Red Line)** 5 hours per day, 9:00am to 12:00n and 1:00pm to 3:00pm, and one bus on Saturday for 5 hours, 9:30am to 2:30pm. The Saturday route is the same as the Green Line route during the week and will be operating for a trial period during the month of November (2, 9, 16, and 23). To make it worthwhile we'll need 20-25 riders each Saturday, before we decide to operate it on a long term bases. So far on November 2 we had 17, Nov. 9...29, and Nov. 16....32, and Nov. 30...23, if this trend continues we should have 20-25 each Saturday.

November 15 was one of our best days. The two buses had a total of 103 riders. The Green Line had 88 and the Red Line 15. The Green Line operates twice as long as the Red Line but even taking this into consideration the Red Line is not producing like it should. If this trend continues we'll need to look at alternatives for the Red Line, something that will not affect the number of riders on the Green Line but increase the ridership on the Red Line.

The past several months the buses have been having problems with the lug nuts / bolts coming loose and the tire/wheel coming off. Fortunately it's been the rear wheels and not the front ones. I'm afraid if it was the front wheel it might cause a wreck or the bus going into a ditch. I understand it's caused by the bumpy roads jarring the wheels, working the lug nuts loose, and then the wheel breaks or cuts the lug bolts off. We've been extremely lucky that no one has been hurt. We've had to replace the lug bolts/nuts several times on each of the bigger buses, 436/437. I bought a torque wrench and sockets and I personally check and tighten all of the lug nuts each morning. This should solve the problem, I hope.

The week of November 25 was Thanksgiving Week and we had several "specials" for that week. On Monday, November 25, for those paying a bus fare, we gave out free trip pass for Tuesday. On Wednesday, November 27, a raffle ticket for a "Day Pass" (2 or 3 passes) for December 3.

Several of the drivers are having family health issues and are having to be with their family members when they go into Anchorage for medical reasons. When one driver is gone the other two fill in for the one missing. When two drivers are gone I fill in.

I'm very concerned about the Transit System budget for FY2015. I understand that the cuts the Federal Government is making may affect ONC and cause them to reduce their match funds for the Transit Grant. I've written BNC to see if they can help out. The uncertainty of funding may cause the passengers to start looking for alternatives to get around town.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me.

Landfill / Recycle Center:

The landfill has been getting a lot of cover material this month, thanks to the streets and roads department. In the spring we will have lots of cover so DEC should be a lot happier with us. Also Gary McElwee and David Chaney have been working hard at stacking cars up to make more room. Gary McElwee has been working on rising the back dike up, before he left on vacation. The road crew built up our main road so hopefully we won't have such a muddy road next spring.

Larry Epperly has been baling a lot of cardboard. I read recently on a recycling site that "one ton of cardboard that does not go in the landfill equals out to nine cubic feet of landfill space saved." Since we take in about seven hundred pounds of cardboard daily, we are saving a lot of landfill space by recycling.

Staffing Issues/Concerns/Training:

There are still four (4) open positions in the Hauled Utilities Department.

Budget/Financial:

See each Department.