

McGrath City News

City Council

September Meeting Highlights

REGULAR MEETING – September 26, 2006

- **Ordinance 07-02 - Establishment of Cemetery Committee** – Public Hearing
Motion: to adopt Ordinance 07-02

VOTE: 5 of 5 present YES. Adopted

- **Ordinance 07-04 – NRCS Erosion project legal fees appropriation** – Public Hearing
Motion: to adopt Ordinance 07-02

VOTE: 5 of 5 present YES. Adopted

- **Ordinance 07-05 – Re-establish Parks & Recreation Department** – Introduction
Motion: to hold a Public Hearing at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

VOTE: 5 of 5 present YES. Adopted

- **Resolution 07-05 – VISTA member volunteer position support**
MOTION: to adopt Resolution 07-05

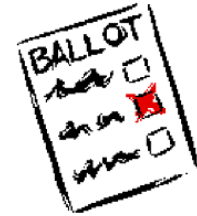
VOTE: 5 of 5 present YES. Adopted

- **Boat Launch Update:** Further steps will be taken once the engineered plan and cost estimate is reviewed by Alaska Fish & Game.
- **Teen Center Update:** The Teen Center is closed at this time. Professional analysis of the roof and foundation is being conducted to see what repairs are needed prior to future occupancy. The analysis will also include looking at an alternative building being moved to the site, to replace the existing Teen Center. The findings will be made available at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.



City Council

Unofficial Election results



Two City Council seats were filled during the recent election.

- Seat F Term: 10/06 – 10/09 Doug Lyman
- Seat G Term: 10/06 – 10/09 Karen Ladegard

A Special City Council meeting will be held as required, on the Monday following the election, to certify the results of the election. The new council members will be sworn in and the officers elected at the next regularly scheduled council meeting on October 24, 2006.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

At the September council meeting, Sharon Runkle was appointed and confirmed as the fifth commissioner on the Planning Commission, filling the vacancy created when Bob Coghill moved to Anchorage.



Senator Albert Kookesh and Representative Woodie Salmon visit McGrath

With only a few hours notice due to weather-causing a change of schedule, invitations were shared by email, KSKO and the online message board, to visit with Senator Kookesh and Representative Salmon. Interested residents gathered during an impromptu Breakfast Club meeting. Twelve representatives from the City, McGrath Native Village Council, Iditarod Area School District, Southcentral Foundation, UAF-McGrath Center and several residents joined Kookesh and Salmon on Sept. 26th at the Cap'n Snow Center Assembly Room. The group was able to hear what is on the horizon in Juneau. McGrath folks were able to share needs, challenges and concerns in support of McGrath's future with the visitors. As usual, an abundance of food was served and the travelers were sent off with plenty of snack foods for the next leg of their journey through the Kuskokwim and Yukon village as they traveled in Salmon's private plane.



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Special Council Meeting to confirm results of election.
Monday October 9
7:30pm

Public Works Comm.
Tuesday October 10th
5:00pm

Planning Commission
Wed. October 11th
7:00pm

Public Safety Comm.
Thursday October 12th
5:00pm

Administration & Finance Comm.
Monday October 16th
7:00pm

Volunteer Fire Dept. and KVRS Joint meeting
Wed. October 18th
7:00pm

City Council Meeting
Tuesday October 24th
7:00pm

Fall activity ~



DOT & PF McGrath Airport Runway Reconstruction and new GA Apron Project - KNIK Construction has begun activity in preparation to blast and crush rock at the Noir Hill Quarry. They will be hauling the rock around the clock for a period of time this winter while the road is frozen. The haul route will be the same as during the previous airport improvement project

Copies of the DRAFT aerial photo overlay showing the plan for construction project are available at the city office for \$.25.

Dishna Subdivision – The surveying for this DNR project will begin in late October and be completed during December. Road construction throughout the subdivision will be done during the summer of 2007. They anticipate that the subdivision, composed of approximately 48 lots, will be included in the April 2008 DNR Land Offering.



The McGrath Volunteer Fire Dept. will be in training at the Cap'n Snow Center October 13-15 in McGrath. The State of Alaska Fire Marshall's office will be conducting the training. A Chevy Astro van was also recently acquired at nominal cost through a surplus sale. This van will be used to haul gear and people when the Fire Dept. is called out.



ProWest Construction employees and Mayor Parker, second from left, stand in front of the new Sand Shed. The DOT-PF Airport Sand Shed project nears completion at this time.

Job Opening

VISTA Village Council Management Training Program Position Available

The Village Council Management Program is a community service program designed to help rural Alaskan communities build their management and administrative capacity through volunteer service. An individual will serve for one year in the City offices and assist with grant writing, computer training, community planning and development. A monthly living allowance of \$1,006 and end of service educational award of \$4,725 will be paid to the volunteer. **This is an excellent opportunity for on-the-job training!** If you are interested, are over 18 yrs., with HS diploma/GED, applications (due Nov. 3) are available at the city office.



McGrath Volunteer Fire Dept.'s fire truck bay has a new heating unit and energy saving fluorescent lights installed through the Cap'n Snow Renovation grant.