

City Council

April Meeting Highlights

- Mayor Parker introduced Chris Marshall, who has been consulting with the MNVC Environmental Department about the use of burn boxes in landfills to present his information for the city's consideration. Mr. Marshall is able to provide a burn box for the McGrath Landfill, which would be a partnered project of the City and MNVC.
- **Equipment Policy Revision** – recommendation from Admin. & Finance Committee including amendment to the motion by adding Sentence# 4, "A City employee must be present when the maintenance facility is in use."

Vote: 4 of 4 Yes. Adopted unanimously

City of McGrath Equipment and Maintenance Facilities Policy

The City of McGrath will not rent out or loan their equipment to anyone with the following exceptions:

- 1) Unless needed for the protection of life and/or property
- 2) Unless the rental can be used as in-kind funding
- 3) Unless there is no other equipment or facility of the type needed or available for rent.
- 4) A City employee must be present when the maintenance facility is in use.

A liability waiver or an insurance rider will be signed before use begins.

The City reserves the right to refuse to allow use of its facility.

- Employee Handbook update – Sec. 601, Personal Leave – recommendation from Admin. & Finance Committee To adopt the recommended change to Section 601 of the Employee Handbook

Vote: 4 of 4 Yes. Adopted unanimously.

- Employee Training – Northwest Clerks Institute To send Phil (Graham – City Clerk) to the Northwest Clerks Institute training session

Vote: 4 of 4 Yes. Adopted unanimously.

- Resignation of Dirk Moeller as water Treatment Plant Operator

To accept Mr. Moeller's resignation as Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Vote: 4 of 4 Yes. Adopted unanimously

Water? Fire? Smoke? Dust Clouds?

It's that time of year. Together, we'll tackle 'em, one by one:



McGrath's 2006 Flood Plan

The local multi-agency Emergency Response Team met several times recently to update the plan and organization strategy.

Please refer to the preparation information included with this month's water bill. In the event of a flood, the following can be contacted 24-hours a day:

- "911" Emergency Services (Medical, Fire or VPSO)
- Incident Commanders: Trooper & VPSO Office 524-3075
- National Weather Service Office 524-3177
- City of McGrath 524-3825



Unauthorized Burning of Landfill



McGrath Municipal Code

PUBLIC USE OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE
13.08.060 Violation-Penalty.

Person(s) convicted of violations within this chapter are subject to a fine of three hundred dollars. Person(s) convicted of knowingly setting or starting an unauthorized fire at the McGrath city landfill are subject to a civil fine not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per incident. (Ord. 96-1 (part), 1995: Ord. 90-7 § 6, 1990)

Early this week, someone set an unauthorized fire at the dump on a windy day, causing the smoke to blow toward a residential area of town. Please notify the city office or the VPSO if you observe an unauthorized fire being started.



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All gatherings: Cap'n Snow Center unless noted.



**NRCS Erosion Project
Public Meeting
Tuesday May 9th
7:00pm**

**Bike Safety Rodeo
Mon. & Tue. May 8th & 9th**

**Public Works Comm.
Tuesday May 9th
5:00pm**

**Bike-A-Thon
Wednesday May 10th**

**Planning Commission
Wed. May 10th
7:00pm**

**Public Safety Comm.
Thursday May 11th
5:00pm**

**Administration & Finance
Comm.
Monday May 15th
7:00pm**

**Volunteer Fire Dept. &
KVRS Joint Meeting
Wed. May 17th
7:00pm**

**Breakfast Club
Thursday May 19th
10:30am @ UAF McGrath
Center**

**City Council Meeting
Tuesday May 23rd
7:00pm**

Public Meeting May 9th – 7:00pm Assembly Room – Cap'n Snow Center

A public meeting with representatives from the Dept. of Agriculture NRCS, the city attorney, city administration and council members will be held on May 9th. This meeting will explain benefits to landowners and the general public and explain the processes necessary to provide emergency action to rebuild the failing levee/dike (shown below). The levee was built to hold the river back from adjacent homes, property and subsequent down river areas of town. They will explain requirements to obtain the construction & maintenance easements and many other details of the project.



In addition, another project funded under the same grant will be explained during the same meeting. This is a voluntary floodplain acquisition program (“buy-out”) option for several landowners along the riverbank between the Cap'n Snow Center and Russell Ivey's. This program is specifically intended to alleviate the risk to structures from bank erosion.

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Vacancy: City Council Seat F

The council seat vacated by Candy Moeller remains open until the May meeting.

If you are interested in being an active part of the process of local government, it is still possible to submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk no later than prior to the next regular City Council meeting on May 23rd. Due to a tie vote at the April City Council meeting, confirmation proceedings to this interim appointed seat were tabled until the May meeting.

Federal & State Funding for critical projects appears secure

In the (nearly completed process) FY2007 Capital Budget SB 231 released on 5/2/06, the City of McGrath's two major projects are still intact as recommended by Governor Murkowski. They are:

- McGrath Water and Sewer Renovation and Replacement (Design & Engineering Phase of the nearly \$10 million project) \$1,094,040
- McGrath: Road Erosion Control (Earmarked funds originated by Congressional Appropriation through Senator Lisa Murkowski. \$425,000

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**Bike Safety Rodeo
May 8th and 9th
1:30pm – 3:30pm**



**Bike-a-Thon
May 10th**

**McGrath Clean-Up Day
Saturday 1pm
Everyone is encouraged to participate!**

Dust Control Measures

Shortly after breakup, the road will be prepared and Calcium Chloride will be applied for dust control. The treated surface will span between AC Co. on McGuire's Drive around the corner to Chinana Avenue past FAA/NWS and on out the road to Martella Street in “New Hud”.

In the mean time, take precautions to protect your lungs by avoiding known dusty roads and wearing a dust mask when you are likely to encounter dust on the roads.

