

McGrath City News

City Council

March Meeting Highlights

REGULAR MEETING – March 27, 2007

- **Ordinance 07-07: Amend Chapter 10.04 MMC Safety Inspection Requirements – Consensus:** to send back to Public Safety Committee for further revision.
- **Resolution 07-14 Voluntary Benefits – Employee Handbook update:** Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan (update 2007 maximums)
Vote: Yes, 6 of 6 votes. Motion carried.
- **Motion:** For administration to proceed as quickly as possible to obtain the land from BLM for the Iditarod Park (and new Water Treatment Plant):
Vote: Yes, 6 of 6 votes. Motion carried.

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**Old McGrath Schoolhouse
FOR SALE \$500.00
Over-The-Counter
Plus performance bond and
stipulations regarding removal.**

The Old Schoolhouse received no bids on the second offering. As stated on the bid form, the building will be offered over-the counter “as-is” for \$500, which had been the minimum bid. The same performance bond deposit and removal stipulations apply.

If you are interested, contact Stanley Magnuson, Public Works Foreman or the administrative staff at the city. First qualifying purchase agreement takes it!

Cap'n Snow Center Assembly Room Gift presented



McGrath City Council members L to R: Ben Magnuson, Doug Lyman, Mayor Parker, Verdene Anselment, Elsie Bobby and Richard Strick, Sr.
Absent: Karen Ladegard

City Council members were presented with a new addition that enhances function and ambiance in the Assembly Room. The City Council, McGrath District Court and other boards conduct official business in this room, which has recently been renovated with new carpet, ceiling, energy efficient lighting, a new kitchen and a fresh coat of paint.

Mayor Dustin Parker presented the City Council with the bench that he had custom designed and constructed out of local birch by craftsman Les Malone. The bench is designed to allow all seven council members to see one another during consultation and at the same time, have a clear view of guests and constituents attending meetings.

As a teenager, attending a City Council meeting with his Government class, Mayor Parker found it most uncomfortable to have two of the council members sitting with their backs to the audience during the meeting. At that time, he thought that if he ever had the opportunity to be on the City Council, he would make sure that there was a bench.

The council members were very appreciative of the gift and thanked Dusty for his thoughtful contribution aimed at enhancing the council proceedings.



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

Planning Commission
Wednesday, April 11th
7:00pm

Public Safety Comm.
Thursday April 12th
5:00pm^d

Administration & Finance
Tuesday April 16th
7:00pm

**Volunteer Fire Dept. and
KVRS Joint meeting**
Wed. April 18th
7:00p

City Council Meeting
Tuesday April 24th
7:00pm

Updates from the City Administrator's Desk

Collaboration with MNVC on EPA Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project Grant Proposal for the Landfill: Judy Aiello, MNVC consultant, has completed an application to EPA for this grant. City employees, Stanley Magnuson and I worked with Camille Magnuson (former MNVC Environmental Director), Jerry Sam (TCC Environmental Health), Judy Aiello, MNVC Consultant and her associate Susan Brown to develop this application. Many of the provisions of this funding request will directly benefit the functioning of the community's Landfill, including provisions for sorting and handling several types of waste required when using a Burn Box (to be acquired in the future), and to prevent hazardous materials, both liquids and solids, from entering our soil and water table. The provisions include funding some staffing positions at MNVC and the city for 1 year, Office supplies, computer and printer & Training class for Project Coordinator. A pole shed Transfer Station with concrete pad for storage and processing waste oil, antifreeze and batteries; fish totes for battery recycling, antifreeze recycling equipment, and a waste oil heat unit would be purchased. In-kind local contributions from MNVC and the city are included. The total project cost, including in-kind contributions is \$115,411. We will continue to seek funds for a Burn Box and other improvements associated with the Landfill operation. Another improvement that has already been purchased by the city for the Landfill is a surplus D-7 CAT from Tatalina AFB. Let's hope that the application is approved and the grant awarded! --continued next column



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Motion: Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks – Northwest Clerks Institute: Moved to send Clerk Sue Parker to the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks (on scholarship offered by the association).
Vote: Yes, 6 of 6 votes. Motion carried.



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Administrator's Desk-*

Working Drafts of Projects available for review:

The Army Corps of Engineers Project Management Plan (Erosion Control Feasibility Study – Congressional Appropriation) – Working Draft, 22 pages. Copies available upon request, via email or read in office

USDA NRCS Erosion Project –Decisional Document – 13 pgs. Declaration of Taking – 6 pgs. Complaint for Condemnation – 10 pgs., Notice to Unknown Defendants, **Working Drafts**, 3 pgs. Copies available upon request, via email or read in office

FEMA Flood & All Hazard Mitigation Plan – Working Draft, 12 pgs: Copies available upon request, via email or read in office



Planning to do some work around your property this spring and summer? Call your utility companies to request a "locate" of their services buried underground. It could save you and the utility a great amount of grief.

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City of McGrath Water & Sewer
524-3825



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