

## City Council

### August Meeting Highlights

#### REGULAR MEETING – August 22, 2006

- **Ordinance 07-02 - Establishment of Cemetery Committee** – Introduction and First Reading. Ray Collins and Nick Snow have recently been appointed to this committee.  
**Action:** A Public Hearing will be held during the September council meeting.
- **Ordinance 07-03 - Establishment of Title 18 Zoning – Setbacks** – Introduction and First Reading.  
**Action:** Further questions will be asked on City Attorney Gordon Tans.
- **Ordinance 07-04 – NRCS Erosion project legal fees appropriation** – Introduction and First Reading.  
**Action:** A Public Hearing will be held during the September council meeting.
- **Resolution 07-01 – AMLJIA Loss Control Incentive Program** Participation in this program saved the city nearly \$1,000 on this year's Insurance policy.  
Vote: 5 of 5 present -yes. Adopted unanimously.
- **Resolution 07-02 - Authorization to apply – Dept. of Homeland Security Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (Grants)** This authorizes city staff to submit requests for services and equipment as determined by the McGrath Volunteer Fire Dept., Kuskokwim Valley Rescue Squad, VPSO Parker and the administrative staff.  
Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Resolution adopted.
- **Resolution 07-03 – FY07 PILT request**  
This annual request is required for receipt of "Payment in Lieu of Taxes" money divided between communities in the Unorganized Borough.  
Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Resolution adopted.

## Your Opportunity for Community Involvement



### CITY COUNCIL SEATS - OCTOBER ELECTION

Two City Council vacancies will appear on the ballot.

- Seat F (currently held by Karen Ladegard) Term: 10/06 – 10/09
- Seat G (currently vacant) Term: 10/06 – 10/09

Declarations of candidacy will be accepted between September 3 and 23, 2006. A brief form is available at the city office and is required in order for your name to appear on the ballot.

### VACANCIES ON PLANNING COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

A vacancy exists on each of these. If you are interested in serving on either, please submit a brief letter of interest to the city office prior to the next council meeting. Appointments and council confirmation will take place at the regular council meeting on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

### ROAD USE REPORTS AND PAYMENTS DUE

People who have transported raw material (rock, sand, gravel, timber, etc.) over any city roads are required to fill out an application and when done with the project, the report section of the form is completed when paying the fee due the city. If this applies to you, please fill out your paperwork before you start and again when your work is complete.

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

#### STUDENT INTERN



During the past two school years, the McGrath High School partnered with the city to provide students with on-the-job administrative training and experience in the city office.

This year, the Public Works Department is participating through a cooperative agreement with the school to offer such an opportunity to student Adam McKee, during the first semester. Adam will receive school credit upon completion of the conditions of the agreement, as he works with Stan Magnuson, Public Works Foreman and Duane Norback, Water Plant Operator.



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*Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>  
7:30pm*

*Public Works Comm.  
Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm*

*Planning Commission  
Wed. September 13<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm*

*Public Safety Comm.  
Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:00pm*

*Administration & Finance  
Comm.  
Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm*

*Volunteer Fire Dept. and  
KVRS Joint meeting  
Wed. September 20<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm*

*City Council Meeting  
Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:00pm*

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- **Resolution 07-04 – NOVA Merchant Account** to allow the city to establish the ability to accept credit card payments.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Resolution adopted

- **Review for Approval - McGrath Boat Launch Ramp and Site Improvements - Draft Engineering and Design by HDR.**

**Action:** Refer questions back to the engineer for clarification. Moved to table the approval until the next meeting.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Motion passed.

- **Old Schoolhouse Surplus Sale.** (If the current bid announcement ending August 31<sup>st</sup> receives no bids, it is) Moved to rescind all previous motions as to minimum bid and place the minimum bid at \$500.00.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Motion passed.

- **Approval of FY05 Certified Financial Statement** Moved to approve the FY05 Certified Financial Statement.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Motion passed.

- **Employee Handbook Update – 601 Leave Without Pay** Moved to add a sentence that would prevent a city employee from taking a leave of absence to take other employment.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Motion passed.

- **Planning Commission reappointment – Ernie Baumgartner (term expires on 9/3/06)** Moved to approve the reappointment of Ernie Baumgartner to the Planning Commission.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Motion passed.

- **Trevor White Trip Report Recommendation** – Moved to purchase the Coagulant Charge Analyzer Model CCA3100 costing \$5000.00. This will save considerable operator time during two periods of the year, reducing overtime and freeing the employee to do other work.

Vote: 5 of 5 present – yes. Motion passed.

## Road improvements on Cranberry Ridge & subdivision roads – & Landfill Update

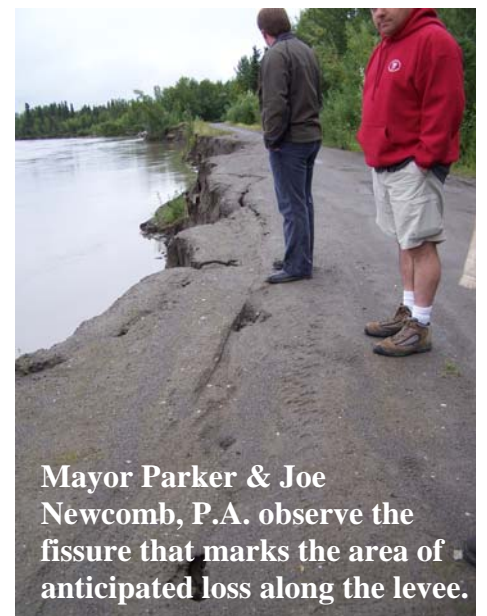
-- Public Works Foreman Stan Magnuson completed improvements that will eliminate impassable sections of a subdivision road during the wet seasons. He also worked on several areas of Cranberry Ridge Road that have become mud bogs during breakup and periods of heavy rain.

-- You may have also noticed how nice the landfill is looking, after Stan made preparations for winter operation. Seeking grant and partnered funding for the construction of a “burn box” to meet DEC requirements for burning is the next step in the development of McGrath’s landfill.

Recent levee damage from rain and high water --



Barricade “monuments” frame the failing levee following further damage occurring during rain and high water - week of Aug. 15-22.



Mayor Parker & Joe Newcomb, P.A. observe the fissure that marks the area of anticipated loss along the levee.

### VISTA Village Council Management Training Program

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 stipend and end of service educational award (over \$4K) will be paid to the volunteer. If you are interested, are over 18 yrs., with HS diploma/GED, applications (due Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>) are available at the city office.