

City Council

August Meeting Highlights

REGULAR MEETING – August 28, 2007

- **Ord 08-01 MMC Amendment – Civil Fines Table, Curfew** – wording clarification.

MOTION: to approve the Amendment.

VOTE: 5 of 5 present Yes. **Motion passed**

- **Ord 08-02 MMC Amendment – Dogs** – wording clarification

MOTION: to approve the Amendment.

VOTE: 5 of 5 present Yes. **Motion passed**

- **Resolution 08-02**

MOTION: To certify the FY06 Certified Financial Statement

VOTE: 5 of 5 present Yes. **Motion passed.**

- **Resolution 08-03**

MOTION: To support the AVI Biomass Project

VOTE: 5 of 5 present Yes. **Motion passed.**

- **Resolution 08-04**

MOTION: To participate in the AML/JIA Loss Control Incentive Program.

VOTE: 5 of 5 present Yes. **Motion passed.**

TEFRA Hearing

Council consideration of a request from Wells Fargo Bank and Southcentral Foundation for the city to authorize a conduit transaction for a municipal bond.

MOTION: To refer the question to the Administration & Finance Committee. Questions will be referred to the city attorney.

VOTE: 5 of 5 present Yes. **Motion passed**



Malone Family
Mossy Meadows & Farm at Friday Market

This Salad Bar is the Best!



The veggie patch sporting a protective fence provided this cow and her two calves the perfect salad bar this week. All three looked up and were caught with the evidence hanging from their mouths. They then made their way to the next dinner course in a neighbor's garden.



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The recent erosion losses along Takotna Ave. were photographed and shared with officials at the state and federal levels, prompting visits from agencies. Guests from the State of AK Dept. of Commerce, Community & Economic Development, FEMA Floodplain management U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, State of AK Homeland Security and Emergency Services were in town recently, as they made site visits for projects related to flooding and erosion. The following people made brief presentations at the August City Council meeting:

Taunnie Boothby – State of AK DCCED FEMA Floodplain Manager (& Ruth St. Amour) Taunnie stated that the City adopted the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) ordinance in 2002, and McGrath is definitely participating in the program. The city is very interested in taking a proactive stance in being an active participant in this program. The roll of the city council is supporting the staff's efforts in enforcing the ordinance. [An Open House for the public and City Council work session were held during their stay, to answer questions and better inform all regarding the NFIP Development Permit process.]

George Coyle – State of AK Homeland Security – Emergency Services (& Brian Fisher) – They were here checking on the levy project and finding that it is still tied up over property issues. (Their office is) trying to get hold of the Bethel Court to try to expedite a date to get a date set for the required proceedings. They said that if there is any way that they can help expedite the process. let them know.



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Public Works Comm.
Tuesday Sept. 11th
5:00pm

Planning Commission
Wednesday, Sept. 12th
7:00pm

Public Safety Comm.
Thursday Sept. 13th
5:00pm

Administration & Finance
Monday Sept. 17th
7:00pm

Volunteer Fire Dept. and
KVRS Joint meeting
Wed. Sept. 19th
7:00p

City Council Meeting
Tuesday Sept. 25th
7:00pm

AVI Biomass Project: The full PowerPoint featuring Ft. Yukon as a project model is available online with the August *City News* published on the www.mcgrathalaska.net website. Click on the *City Newsletter* tab in left column



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Brett Nelson – USDA NRCS Erosion Project – 1,100’ on Takotna Ave. There has been some additional erosion that has taken place. We need the land rights by November 1 – we have a 45-day advertising time frame. We would like to get rock produced and hauled into town this winter and have it ready for spring.

George Kalli – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (& an Environmental Surveyor and an associate doing the Archeology Survey) George stated that they started a feasibility phase study this past winter. They are looking at similar protection (rip-rap like the NRCS project) for the riverbank. This study is not an emergency response study. If everything goes as planned, construction would take place in 2010 – from AC slip up to around the radio tower. Generally we look at what the erosion, maintenance costs, and work done will cost for a fifty year time period (economic analysis).

Archaeologist - Karen Ladegard asked about the archaeological procedure – Looked at stuff that had been spotted in the bank in June – will write a summary that will help all of the project designs. The information will be there with some recommendations for the upcoming projects. Anything 50 years old or older is a possible “problem”. A lot of the earlier stuff was built on the bank and is now gone.



Bits of News ~

- **Kuskokwim Watershed Council** Director David Griso of Aniak held a public meeting at the Cap’n Snow Center for residents from McGrath, Nikolai, Takotna, Telida and Lime Village, to elect a representative from the Upper Kuskokwim region to serve on their Board of Directors. Dawn Magnuson was unanimously chosen to serve in this position.
- **UAF – CES Garden Project** has a recently constructed and installed gate and fence surrounding the two 30’ X 70’ plots. (A huge Thank You! goes out to Troy Sherrer for spearheading that project.) One is a vegetable plot and the other is for berry varieties. Berry plants have arrived and are ready to be planted this weekend. The greenhouse is being shipped from Spenard Builders this week. We should be ready to go on schedule next spring!



A reminder ~ for moose hunters

Animal carcasses can be left at the landfill (i.e. moose). Please notify the Public Works Dept. (524-3000/3200/3825) when you dispose of a carcass. The Landfill Operator is required to bury it within 12 hours so that it does not become an undesirable nuisance.

If you have any questions as to where in the landfill you should unload, please contact Stanley at the city for direction.