

City Council

September Meeting Highlights

REGULAR MEETING – September 25, 2007

▪ Resolution 08-06 SCF Bond

MOTION: The City of McGrath wishes to support (the) SCF bond request by acting as a conduit bond issuer. In exchange for our support, the Council asks SCF to make a reasonable contribution to our water/sewer system.

VOTE: 4 of 4 Present (& eligible to vote) Yes; Lyman: Absent, Parker and Anselment: Abstain.

Motion passed.

▪ Resolution 08-05 PILT

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 08-05 Request for PILT payment. (Payment in Lieu of Taxes – Federal program for communities in the Unorganized Borough)

VOTE: 6 of 6 present Yes. **Motion passed**

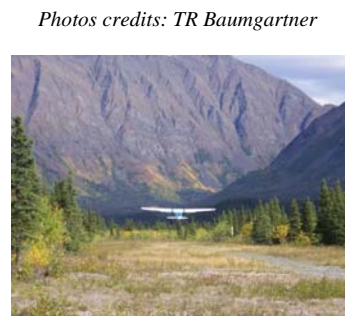
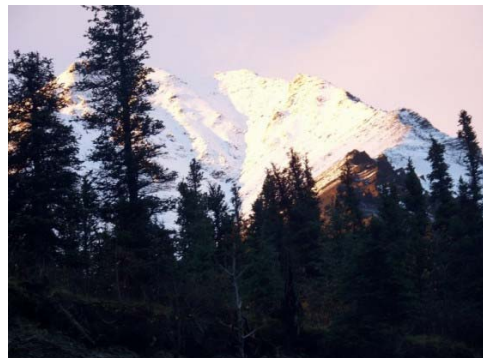
- **Approval of Advisory Questions** to be asked at the time of the annual city election. By consensus.
- **NYO & JYNO – Sponsorship request.** Discussion resulting in suggesting a collaborative sponsorship involving several agencies.

Special Meeting: October 8th to certify the October 2nd election

Ahhh September...

Fall foliage on the river and snow high in the AK Range!

Scenes like these have been seen while moose and sheep hunting during recent weeks. These sights and accompanying cooler temperatures remind us that it's time to be thinking about protecting our home water and sewer pipes for the coming cold months.



Photos credits: TR Baumgartner

Preparing for winter

Water system customers: During winter months, if you plan to be away from your home for a few days or longer, you will likely arrange for someone to stay there or check on the house to make sure everything is operating as usual.

If you will be gone for a period of time and no one will be staying in your home, please arrange to have your water service “looped” and insulation packed around exposed pipes. While this does not guarantee to keep pipes from freezing, it does increase the odds that the circulating water will be enough to keep the service line from freezing. From the meter and throughout the rest of the house, be sure to drain the pipes and have them blown through, so that you have the least chance of a problem when the water is reconnected. If you plan to be away for a while, the following McGrath Muni Code applies:

Cold weather maintenance

“The customer shall take all reasonable precautions to protect all water facilities, the customer's and the city's, against cold weather to prevent freeze up on the premises. The customer shall notify the city if the premises will be vacated for five or more consecutive days during periods of potential freeze-up. If requested, the city will assist each customer at each service location ... “ “Customers are requested to notify the city when access will be denied due to vacation or other absences.” For the safety of your home and plumbing, you may want to let Sue at the city know who has access to your home, in case emergency entrance is needed, i.e. water pouring out from under your front door.

Sewer System customers: If the red light or the audible alarm sounds, call Duane Norback or Stanley Magnuson at 524-3200 (Public Works Dept.), immediately. Further contact numbers are available on the recording if you call during non-work hours. You can turn off the audible alarm if contact is being made with the Public Works Dept.



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Special Council Meeting
Monday October 8th
Certify October 2nd Election

Public Works Comm.
Tuesday October 9th
5:00pm

Planning Commission
Wednesday, October 10th
7:00pm

Public Safety Comm.
Thursday October 11th
5:00pm

Administration & Finance
Monday October 15th
7:00pm

Volunteer Fire Dept. and
KVRS Joint meeting
Wed. October 17th
7:00p

City Council Meeting
Tuesday October 23rd
7:00pm

All city meetings are held at the Cap'n Snow Center, upstairs in the Assembly Room and are open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

THE RESULTS: **ADVISORY - GUIDANCE QUESTIONS**

The following questions were asked on Election Day and are for the sole purpose of providing guidance to the McGrath City Council. The answers will not automatically initiate, affect or enact an Ordinance, but will be used by the council as they make future decisions regarding these questions.

1. Fluoride in drinking water

Should the City of McGrath drinking water have fluoride included in the water treatment process?

YES 34

NO 44

2. Helmets required by children ages 5-17

Should the City of McGrath consider an Ordinance requiring the use of helmets by children ages 5-17 while riding a bicycle or ATV (snowmachine, 4-wheeler, motorcycle, etc.)?

YES 42

NO 36

3. Vehicle rental fee

Should the City of McGrath consider an Ordinance requiring those who offer vehicles for rent (cars, trucks, etc.) to add a vehicle rental fee? This fee would be used by the City of McGrath for road maintenance and for the promotion of McGrath.

YES 38

NO 40

4. Competing with private enterprise

Should the City of McGrath be allowed to compete with private enterprise; i.e. rental of heavy equipment, rental/lease of office space and buildings, providing services?

YES 48

NO 30

5. Cemetery on Cranberry Ridge

Should the City of McGrath consider establishing a cemetery on Cranberry Ridge?

YES 45

NO 32

Helpful Info

Troubleshooting a printer?

www.fixyourownprinter.com

www.inkjetprinterhelp.us

Simple Solutions for High Tech Problems

<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/Consumer/story?id=3676766>



Need Your Septic Tank Pumped?

If you need your septic tank pumped prior to next spring, please call Sue and get on this list so that Public Works can get it done this fall before the sewer truck gets put away for the winter season.



AmeriCorps Positions Open

Designed to help rural Alaskan communities address local public health and wellness issues and environmental concerns, these year-long positions require a regular work-week, & provide training, a monthly stipend of \$1,200 and if eligible, child care and health insurance. An Education award of \$4,725 following completion of one year of service (1,700 hours) and can be used for college or technical school or to pay back an existing student loan.

Contact Natalie Baumgartner at the city by **October 15th** if you are interested in either of these fields. There are a number of projects in either field that could be pursued.

If you are interested in being appointed to serve on the **Planning Commission** (1 seat), **City Council** (2 seats) or serving as a member of the **McGrath Volunteer Fire Dept.** or **Kuskokwim Valley Rescue Squad**, contact the city office.

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