



September 2023

The seemingly never-ending rain has put our road grading way behind schedule so we are now trying to get all city maintained portions of roadways graded before the winter freeze hits. We cannot grade in the rain or when the roads are too wet as we will make muddy messes out of them. Vehicles and equipment that were beyond economical repair or didn't fit the needs of the city were identified so that they could be disposed of through the surplus process. The proceeds from the sale will go towards purchasing a new pickup for the fire department.

The compound at City Hall is being cleaned up and organized so we can keep the areas plowed to access equipment after the snow starts. We now have a second full-time equipment operator so we have two full-time people for snow removal this winter. We also identified a city-owned gravel source that will reduce the costs of improving several city roads. Gravel testing still needs to be done in addition to starting the gravel pit permitting process. The money savings from sourcing our own gravel can be huge and help free up our limited funding to improve even more roads.

Public Works Report:

- Virtually all city maintained roads have been graded (They deteriorate quickly after a rain, but almost all have been graded).
- A dumped single-wide mobile home frame dumped at Bear Paw Park has been cleaned up and the property where it came from was identified. Legal proceedings will be started to recover city monies spent on the removal.
- A case tracking system was implanted to track cases where legal actions will likely be taken
- Code violation forwarded for legal review/action
- A new Public Works Clerk was hired to replace the previous clerk who transferred to another position.
- The Annex and Animal Shelter buildings equipment conversions to natural gas was put up for bid and the bid was awarded so the conversion will be complete in mid-October
- Winter tires and chains were purchased for the 5-yard dump truck which will be used for plowing
- The missing/never obtained vehicle titles for the auctioned vehicles were finally obtained after having to get releases from the lienholders and sellers
- The fire break road is pioneered and work has discontinued as the focus turns towards winter preparations
- The surplus items will be listed and Grubstake Auction from Anchorage will be handling the sales
- Traction sand was put into the sand shed in preparation for winter
- Several grants that we may be eligible for have been identified and the paperwork is being completed
- The large potholes on Cheri Lake were filled with D1 (The borough contractor is supposed to patch them when the paving occurs)
- Government surplus access was granted so the city can get surplus vehicles, equipment, and other items if they are not too worn out.

Parks Report:

- The chair resigned and a new one will be elected in October
- The Boy Scouts used the Little Su Campground and cleaned up all the garbage
- The Little Su Campground is closed and the water system was winterized
- The Trunk or Treat is still being planned for October.
- A pickup was stuck in the mud so the rocks replaced to block access
- A potential garbage dump suspect was chased out of the park
- The Little Su Campground gate rusted through and repairs will be done in mid October

Permits Issued in September 2023

Type	Issued in September	Total Issued for 2023 to date
Construction Permit	2	20
Driveway Permit	3	21
Utility Permit	7	37
Conditional Use Permit	1	1
Land Use Amendment / Re-zone	0	0
Variance	0	0
Firewood cutting permits	0	0
Other/Matsu Borough	0	0
Junk & Trash & ROW Notices	0	24

Respectfully,



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Public Works Director