

Mayor's Report – January 2, 2018

Since our last Council meeting on December 19:

- Happy New YEAR! It is strange to write 2018, but I am sure we will get used to the change quickly.
- Thank you to everyone who wished for real snow. We had a BEAUTIFUL Christmas with the fresh cover of white and the gorgeous blue days...wishes do come true.
- This report is very short, due to the surprising absence of meetings, phone calls and emails over the holidays, what a nice break.
- A problem with the port door was brought to my attention. I let Sheri and Jeremy know about the concern and had a VERY fast follow-up. Needless to say or Maintenance/Capital Facilities staff were on top of this problem and were working on it even as the concern was brought to me. The door was scheduled to be finished before the new year.
- I want to thank Martha, Marcie, and Doug again for taking their time to look into the possible Extreme Alaska-man event. It was found that the sponsor, who did this event in Seward and received no funding from Seward, was asking for Valdez to give a \$50,000 “grant” to help establish this event. It was decided to not pursue this event at this time.
- I would also like to thank members of the public who sent comments on the request for adjudicatory hearing on the Valdez Marine Terminal C-Plan appeals. My hope is that the Commissioner will reverse the decision and return to the limits in the past C-Plan and avoid any hearing at all.
- One last Thank You to City staff and the Volunteer Fire personnel, for making the New Year's fireworks display spectacular! What an awesome way to ring out the old and ring in the NEW YEAR!
- Best wishes for a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2018. May we all find ways to help and show kindness to each other.

Respectfully submitted,



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