

Mayor's Report – November 1, 2016

Since our last Council meeting on October 19:

- CAP contacted me to support a resolution for their 75th anniversary. I worked with Sheri on this resolution.
- Josh Grossman of Alliance for Aviation Across contacted me and asked me to sign onto a letter, with other mayors throughout the country; encouraging congress to keep the FAA funded and I agreed to add my name. He also mentioned a resolution and Sheri contacted him regarding that resolution.
- Mr. Ragsdale and I had our standing meetings on Friday at 3:30, which Councilman Needles and Councilman Moulton attended, and at 11:30 on Tuesday. Council priorities, organizational structure and city space needs were discussed. The three council members wanted the city staff to be able to speak freely to council and not feel uncomfortable is so doing. It was also pointed out that the council, administration and staff all need to feel that they are working toward common goals and we need to strive for developing an atmosphere of teamwork.
- The Beautification Task Force met on Monday and heard the Egan Street report. The concrete contractor has promised to redo/remediate the work at the beginning of next season since the contractor and the city agreed that it was sub-par work. Presentation of the banner designs, which were submitted by local artists, was made and then we had a discussion about how to make selections. There is a sub-committee who will work up a contract, a selection rubric and will email these to Allie to send to the rest of the committee. It was also decided to figure out how to get the snowflake decorations on the larger poles without damaging them and to wrap every other pole with red and white lights for the holiday season. This Task Force now meets every last Monday of the month at noon.
- The ARCH is up, was dedicated and lit on Tuesday.
- After last meeting, Mr. Shirrell pointed out that two projects being explored by CEDD have not been put through the RFP process and that the City should do that ASAP. The City of Valdez needs to do a review and update of its policies and processes for the purchase of goods and services and then follow them in every instance. Jim has offered his volunteer services to help in this endeavor, "I am willing to assist and advise on a voluntary basis the City in their efforts to obtain greater value in the purchase of goods and services." I want to thank Jim for staying involved and offering his time to make our system better.
- Ms. Pierce, Mr. Ragsdale and I had a telephone meeting with Robin Brenna on Wednesday, regarding the law budget and services for this coming year.
- I hope everyone had a very fun and spooky Halloween!!

Respectfully submitted,



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City of Valdez