

Mayor's Report – for the April 17, 2018 Council meeting

Since our last Council meeting on April 3:

- The Work Session on April 5th had very good discussion and direction for administration on all three items: IT Department future plans, Developing a local Medical Professional Incentive Program, and the Procurement Code. Thanks to the staff that have spent many hours and much effort on these items.
- My deepest sympathy goes out to the Hoffman and Curry families. Chellsie will be remembered as a vivacious and loving person and will be sorely missed in our community. We all wish this senseless tragedy had not occurred.
- On April 9th, I attended the School Board meeting. The Board was addressed by several members of the public on varied issues and one was a concern about mold in VHS. They had much discussion on the future of our schools, classes, testing and budget. I was encouraged that they voted to expand the current pre-K program for next year.
- The Health Advisory Council met Tuesday, April 10 and passed the Community Health Incentive Priorities (CHIP) which guide our health care decisions for the next three years.
For 2014 the priorities were: 1. Overweight, Lack of Physical Activity, 2. Access to Primary Care, 3. Mental Health, Substance Abuse
For 2017 the priorities are:
 1. Local Health Provider Workforce
 2. Mental Health, Substance Abuse
 3. Access to Specialty Care
 4. Healthy Lifestyle/Chronic DiseaseThe year-end report was also presented and discussed.
- The State required PEAKS (Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools) testing started this week at VCS and will continue through next week.
- The Celebration of Life for Chellsie was moving and overflowing. I pray that strength will be given to the families as they work through their terrible loss and urge everyone to continue supporting them in their way forward.
- The agenda overview meeting with the City Manager, the Clerk, and the City Attorney will happen at 11:30, April 17th before the Council meeting.
- I hope everyone got their federal taxes in on time and can enjoy our beautiful Spring.

Respectfully submitted,



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