

Mayor's Report – December 6, 2016

Since our last Council meeting on November 22:

- The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was Sunday, November 27th with a little snow, beautiful lights, some yummy treats, lots of great singing, an invocation and a proclamation, and then Santa arrived. Thanks to P&R and the VHS Choir for this great event.
- I have had many calls and community members stopping me to say how much they love the Egan St. decoration and the ice-cycles on the lights. What a serendipitous addition to the new streetlights.
- The standing meeting with the City Manager on Thanksgiving Friday was cancelled. I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday break as much as I did. We had a short meeting on Tuesday the 29th at 11:30. The City Manager evaluation process, and continued city space needs were discussed. The need for all city employees to work as a team with the manager was also discussed.
- The Beautification Task Force met at noon on the 29th. This meeting covered Egan Street holiday decorations and banners. Closing out the old and approving the 2017 matching grant program, discussion of the coming Valdez Public Art/Landmark Walking tour were also discussed. This was a very good meeting with hardworking volunteers and staff.
- We had an Executive Session on November 29 and on December 1 when we met for the first two of three meetings on the City Manager's evaluation.
- I was invited to and attended the FEMA meeting with the staff regarding the coastal and riverine mapping project that is now moving toward the public education and comment period. This was a very informative meeting and all of their work is to be made public ASAP on the City website.
- Representative Rauscher met with our VCS Superintendent, Mr. Nygaard, on Thursday, December 1 and I was invited to attend and listen, which I did. We can hope he will have an open ear and an open mind this coming legislative session.
- Thank you to our Public Works employees and DOT for keeping our roads passable with the arrival of our beautiful snow. It is finally looking like Valdez in the winter☺

Respectfully submitted,



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