

Mayor's Report – January 3, 2017

Since our last Council meeting on December 20:

- The Council met in executive session on the 23rd and decided on the contract offer for Mrs. Elke Doom. At the end of the meeting, we voted to hire her for the city manager as of February 6th and we also decided to have our city clerk, Ms. Sheri Pierce, be the interim manager from January 3 – February 6. The council and the city attorney approved both contracts.
- We had a wonderful, restful Christmas and hope everyone else did too.
- On December 27, I met with two of the Valdez members of AGPA, Ms. Pierce, Mr. Ragsdale and the city attorney regarding the FERC comments and we discussed what we should do to get movement on an LNG line to Valdez. AGPA was invited to the next council meeting to explain how they are still a viable entity.
- Friday the 30th was busy...I was able to attend a telephonic board meeting for the Prince William Sound Economic Development District, and a meeting of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority.
- Last week I listened to a piece on NPR about mobile home parks and what is happening to them around the nation. Thanks to Kate Goudreau, here is the link to this story: <http://www.npr.org/2016/12/27/503052538/when-residents-take-ownership-a-mobile-home-community-thrives> I will make sure the Aleutian Task Force gets this information too.
- The concern my husband and I feel about getting a Harbor/Waterfront master plan moving has resulted in us working on a suggestion that would take this off of Kimley Horn's plate and put it squarely on the shoulders of the citizens of Valdez who are knowledgeable about this subject and who care deeply about what happens in our community. I have forwarded this suggestion to Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Doom for their thoughts and Alan will present it to the Port Commission very soon. We hope to have the council very involved with this effort too, if it passes review.
- As always, thank you to all of the city employees! We know you all work very hard to keep the city running, to keep the snow off the roads/us on the roads, to provide most of the city with water and sewer service and LOTS of fun and educational things to do.
- Here's to a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Respectfully submitted,



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