

Mayor's Report – January 17, 2017

Since our last Council meeting on January 3:

- The Valdez members of AGPA, Ms. Pierce, Mr. Wegner and I had a telephonic meeting with our attorneys on Friday the 6th to discuss the FERC comments and how to move forward after those comments are delivered.
- January 9th was a meeting with Mr. O'Connor of PWSC, Ms. Pierce, Mr. Wegner and myself to discuss the college space and property needs.
- The Health Advisory Council met on January 10th and the building of a new Fire Department was part of the discussion. Two of the Counselling Center's staff attended a Peer Listener Trainer training sponsored by RCAC this fall and have given their first training to 30 or so community members on Friday the 13th.
- On the 12th, Ms. Pierce, all of the AGPA members, the mayors of Fairbanks North Star Borough, North Pole and myself all met with Jake to finalize FERC comments (which everyone has decided to be signatories on) and to discuss how to move the route forward and how all entities can help this effort.
- I attended the Port Commission meeting on January 12 and listened to their discussion about the suggested Harbor/Waterfront Master Plan course of action. There was good discussion and brainstorming. It was decided to move forward on a less aggressive but still active timeline. More solid decisions will be made at the next Commission meeting and brought to Council for discussion too. A citizen attending this meeting, who is also one of our long-time fisherman, spoke about the problem of not having enough power in our city for Silver Bay, let alone bringing more businesses in to the city. This needs to be fixed and I suggest we have a work session with CVEA on this power issue soon!
- I met with our interim CM on Friday (1/13) afternoon and on Tuesday (1/17) at lunch. She has been busy and had that work load increase due to the wrath of Mother Nature's winds on January 5 and 6.
- I was told that the harbor had a small electrical fire on the dock due to the winds and that the Fire and Police both worked to put it out, limiting the damage. It is good to know that the city employees all work together to keep us all safe.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruthie Knight".

Ruthie Knight, Mayor City of Valdez