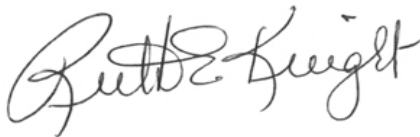


## Mayor's Report - March 21, 2017

Since the last council meeting on March 7, 2017:

- Congratulations and good luck to both the VHS Girls' and Boys' Basketball Teams for heading to the State Tournament this week in Anchorage.
- On March 10th, at our every Friday City Manager - Mayor meeting, Councilman Moulton, Councilman Needles, Darren Reese, City Manager Doom, and I met with Lee Hart and Lee Brown of [tune.com](http://tune.com) to listen to their plans for opening a work branch in Valdez. This would be an exciting addition to our economy. We also discussed how the weather affected the Fat Bike event and the soon to be created Economic Development Department.
- Thank you to Sheri Pierce for setting up a teleconference on March 14th with Governor Walker. She, Mrs. Doom, and I discussed the MAG board appointments and the recent articles written about the gas line with the Governor.
- On March 14, Mrs. Doom and I had a telephone conversation with Paul Lantz to discuss the FERC comments and how he may be able to further our bid for getting the line to Valdez. We also discussed a non-disclosure agreement, so the City can look at their company's financials.
- March 14, Pi Day, was a busy phone day. It ended with me calling into the monthly Health Advisory Committee meeting. We were surprised to hear that the Ficek family will be moving to Oregon. Safeway and the town will miss them and we thank him for his service to the Council. Thanks to Laura Langdon, we discussed the ideas and drawings for placing a new Fire Department building close to the hospital. It was suggested we reconvene the Hospital Campus Mayor's Taskforce and when this possible project gets more realistic, have a work session with them and the HAC. Jeremy O'Neil let us know that their consulting environmental engineer investigated the damage caused by the leaking pipes and he said there mold is currently contained in the walls. It is good we have a project scheduled to replace those pipes soon.
- March 12-20, I was able to spend Spring Break in Prescott, Arizona with my mom, brother and sister. The visit and weather were good, but there are way too many people down there! It is very nice to get back to our beautiful and friendly Valdez.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ruthie Knight, Mayor- City of Valdez