

Mayor's Report –October 17, 2017

Since our last Council meeting on October 3-

- Congratulations to the VCVB crew for hosting an excellent 7th Annual Oktoberfest which was a HUGE success. Laurine Regan shared some of the fundraising results with me, here are the highlights: Ticket sales more than doubled from 100 to 202; there were 340 people (Alan and I were there) in attendance which included all of the volunteers, sponsors and workers; the current calculations below are even without any bar sales.

TOTAL INCOME	2016 \$12,800.91	2017 \$19,320.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,617.63	\$12,581.40
TOTAL PROFIT	-\$2,816.72	\$6,738.60

Besides all of this, the food was good, the entertainment was fun, the band was excellent, and it was reported that the beer was outstanding.

- During the Spill Drill I met Dennis Parrish of Conoco Phillips and he put Alan and I in touch with JoAnn Ford, *"JoAnn is a manager in the FAA and based in Washington D.C. and is one of the individuals that has been instrumental in bringing new approaches to airports in Alaska."* We have been in communication with the FAA about the Navigation Aids at our airport and here is good news from JoAnn: *"I am happy to tell you that Valdez can expect a "special" WAAS localizer performance (LP) approach around/approximately (keep fingers crossed) November 2018. It is on the list for publication... we are thrilled to tell you that Alaska's FAA flight procedure and flight standards teams were able to think outside the box, and achieve the development of a WAAS "special" LP approach for Valdez."*
- I attended the School Board meeting on Monday, October 9th and was happy with their current student count numbers and their budget discussion.
- On the 10th, Principal Woodgate invited me to attend his meeting with Jason Williams, Twilah Beck and some Department of Labor people regarding figuring out how to get the Schools to Apprenticeship program started in Valdez for our students ages 16 and older. They also met with our City's HR and City Manager that afternoon.
- Paul Lantz and Paul Whiltse flew in from Anchorage to discuss some ideas about Valdez's future in energy, shipping, and housing with our Economic Development Director, our Port Director and me. It was a good meeting and we asked them to figure out costs and if anything pencil's out, to bring proposals back to the Economic Diversification Commission through Martha. If the EDC agrees with a proposal, then they can bring it to Council.
- The Museum's Roadhouse Dinner was October 14 and honored the City Councils who were instrumental in moving Old Town to our current location 50 years ago. I was happy to accept the recognition for those hard working public servants of the past and thank Sara Irwin-Godreau and Patty Relay for championing this idea.
- October is always crazy-busy with all of the events/fundraisers and budget hearings. I am happy with the streamlined budget process the City administration has decided to pilot with us this year and look forward to making the right decisions to keep the City moving forward in a positive, thoughtful, and united manner when we actually vote on the 2018 budget.
- Happy Halloween and enjoy the World Series!

Respectfully submitted,



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