

- I am presently on my way to the Alaska Municipal League Summer Meeting. The Alaska Municipal Management Association meeting is included as part of this schedule. I therefore will be Zooming in to our monthly meeting.

- **Grant submissions awaiting notification:**

- Good River Bridge Repairs and Embankment Stabilization – Denali Commission – 792,500 (79,490 match)  
They are expected to announce awards to successful applicants by the end of August.
- Safe Streets 4 All Sidepath Planning Grant – Federal USDOT – 200K
- Brothers Helping Brothers – Lucas Device – 17,211.05 – Still looking at other funding sources.
- National League of Cities – Advancing Economic Mobility – Match AP&T for heat pump acquisition - 20K

*Update-* **This was approved, and we are sending out the notice via Facebook and postings around town. Clerk Barker will provide an explanation for problems with the News group listing. Council Member Taylor will provide an explanation on this program.**

- CDS for Compost Facility –was moved by Senator Murkowski but is very preliminary at this time.

*Update –* **The Senate just finished the second round of appropriations markups and Senator Murkowski’s staff shared that the Gustavus Composting Facility Improvements was included in the FY25 Interior and Environment appropriations bill in the amount of \$596,000.00.** Although the project was included in the Senate committee appropriations bill, the committee bill still needs to pass the full Senate, and then the Senate and the House need to reconcile the different versions of the appropriations bills. Once that is done, the appropriations bills need to be passed and signed into law. They do not have a timeline on when this will occur.

- Crossett Foundation Salmon River Park Phase II Playground Expansion Pathway – 20K **Funded**  
I just found out today!

- AFG- Water Tender - FEMA has completed the peer reviews as of the end of May, and applications that have passed this stage are currently undergoing desk reviews. Award announcements to begin between late July and early August – 700K

*Update –* **FEMA requested additional information from us about our procurement processes and wanted a copy of cancelled check that we paid Lexipole for the grant narrative process. This was because the grant review team had looked favorably at our application. It is not yet approved but it is a positive step forward.**

- PIDP – 2M This project will advance the planning and design for a critical small boat harbor system in the rural town of Gustavus, Alaska. This grant will fund a feasibility study and preliminary design to at least 35%, to include a Federal NEPA document. Award announcements are expected around Oct. - Nov.

- The GVFD Truck and Skid Unit CIP request for 90K passed. Sol and I are working on the project and budget narrative that needs to be turned into DCCED so they can send us the grant agreement. From there we can start getting estimates.
- Marine Facilities Update - We had a couple of issues with vessels banging up the floats because they remained tied up at the floats despite their awareness that that should not be happening. Also, we had another incident

with a boat being tied up at the float all day and then breaking loose in the rough weather. That boater was new and unaware of the rules or weather. He is aware now. MFC Larry Platt has resigned. His last day was Friday August 2. If all goes well, we hope to have a new MFC hired by early next week. In the meantime, Ben and Liesl are graciously pitching in to help with some of the duties that are of immediate concern.

- The Cybersecurity Assessment report from Structured is complete and we are scheduling a meeting for them to present the report.
- The RAD issue appears to be finally put to bed. After much ado, heaps of paperwork, back and forth with various entities and contractors, and the expense, the boxed container of the affected items including the radium painted gauge was picked up by Thomas Gray and Associates on July 29, 2024, from the yard at Alaska Marine lines.



All because of this!

- Road Maintenance Concerns/Report webform that folks can fill out to report roads issues is now available on the City website. It has been tested and is working. It is a blue button located under City Departments/Roads. <https://www.gustavus-ak.gov/roads/webform/road-maintenance-concerns-reports>
  - We continue to work on the permitting process and draft work plan and budget for the DRC recycling center project. There are many bases to cover to get the grant funds being approved by the EPA.
  - The RFQ for Same Old Road has been put on hold until we can address concerns from some of the residents who live on that road. Council Member Taylor can answer any questions should someone wish to have more details. It is not likely to be able to be completed this season. We will be adding some gravel to the one area that retains the most water.
  - We submitted comments on the OSHA proposed rule for EMS and Firefighters. I sent all of our comments to congressional and legislative offices. Senator Sullivan sent a letter of concern to the Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health on behalf of departments with volunteer firefighters. We have not heard the outcome of that request so far.
  - Council questions or comments?
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