



CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

"Farthest North Incorporated City"

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Utqiagvik Council
FROM: Asisaun Toovak, Mayor
DATE: February 29, 2024
SUBJECT Monthly Report

The Mayor's Monthly report is broken down by: Administration, Operations, Finance, and DMV & Taxi Cab Commission.

Administration

❖ Administration met with:

- Regional and local entities regarding a stipend for gravediggers as an initiative to ensure our loved ones that have passed will have a final resting place.
- AEF – Ivalu Gala
- European Union for the Arctic Urban & Rural Cooperation in Tromsø – I met with Arctic Mayors from Canada, Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Fairbanks. Iceland and Greenland could not make it due to weather. For the 1st day we got to know our communities and what we struggle with and thrive in. On the 2nd day we attended a Youth Together for Arctic Futures and the Arctic Economic Forum. Day 3 we dug into issues we want to solve such as housing, indigenous involvement, tourism, development, and green solutions.
- Tribn – grants, audits, housing and cemeteries
- VOICE – Government Affairs committee, Executive Committee, and annual meeting last week on Housing
- Army – recent exercises and future exercises; show & tell.
- First National Bank of Alaska – Vice President of Wealth Management and future endeavors
- Utqiagvik Zoning Commission meeting
- NPR-A working group
- Attorneys on Edibles, sales tax, land, leases, and trilateral
- AML Housing – Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium weekly meeting and annual meeting April 2 – 4, 2024
- Navigating the New Arctic and panel discussion in DC March 4-7, 2024.
- Piuraagiaqta planning meetings have begun and look forward to another exciting year. This year it will be April 12 – 15, 2024.



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- ❖ Positions we filled/Opened:
 - N/A
- ❖ The Clerks:
 - 4 Burial Permits
 - Total of 138 Business Licenses
 - 4 Public Notices

Finance

- ❖ Audits – All documents are submitted to the portal and we waiting to hear back from Altman & Rodgers on when they will remotely conduct the audit for 2020 & 2021.
- ❖ We've met with Wells Fargo and hope to get credit cards again very soon. The mix up was that the City had outstanding bills from the previous card holders that we did not see until the credit cards were cut off.
- ❖ Please see attached reports
 - Budget
 - Gaming
 - Grants

Operations

- ❖ Recreation
 - Piuraagvik
 - January 1592 customers
 - Roller Rink
 - The Roller Rink staff has done an excellent job in maintaining cleanliness at the facility.
 - Please note that Roller Rink will no longer be hosting private events
 - Youth Center
 - January 3 private events
 - 68 Customers
 - The recreation staff at Youth Center have been diligent in keeping the facility organized and clean for the community.
 - The City is currently rolling out new waivers for participants at the City facilities. For children 17 years and younger, the parent/legal guardian are required to complete the forms.
 - Little Dribbler's applicants have been turned in, with a total of 38 Jr. Boys and 40 Jr. Girls, making a total of 78 participants. For the Little Dribbler's Sr. League, there were 40 boys and 41 girls, totaling 81 participants. After school and team practices started on January 22nd, 2024, and the first games started on February 2nd, 2024. We would like to express our gratitude to all the volunteer coaches for their invaluable contribution in coaching the future Whalers.
 - Aerobics Room



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- Eric Fanene Step Class is schedule on Mondays from 7:00PM – 8:00PM and Wednesdays from 5:30PM – 7:00PM
- Melissa Bynum Zumba Class is scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30PM – 6:30PM

❖ Maintenance

- Maintenance continues to conduct repairs to vehicles and routine maintenance on the facilities. With the recent storms, our staff has also been busy clearing snow at the cities various locations.
- Have been actively assisting the community with grave requests.

❖ Distribution

- At this time we are attempting to find a new program that can help us run reports and keep details of orders. The current system was developed and operated by TechGN. ICE Services does not have any developers on staff at the moment to help build a program for our unique needs. We connected with AMCO for any recommendations but they said to reach out to Kiana or Kotzebue. We are waiting for a response from KOTZ.

DMV & Taxi

❖ DMV

- Driver’s License – 27
- Identification Cards – 33
- Instructional Permits – 2
- General Knowledge Tests – 15
- Alcohol Awareness Tests – 2
- Disability Parking Permits – 0
- Commercial Driver’s License – 5
- Registration – 9
- Titles – 6
- Training Completed
 - Basic Vehicle Title & Registration
 - Commercial Driver’s License Transactions

❖ Taxi



Tavra!