



CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

"Farthest North Incorporated City"

MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Utqiagvik Council
FROM: Asisaun Toovak, Mayor
DATE: September 18, 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:

- Alaska Airlines
- VOICE of the Arctic Iñupiat
- City Mayors and North Slope Borough on EIAP funds
- NPRA working Group
- ICAS
- NSB Mayor's office on Kivgiq 2025
- City of Nuiqsut Mayor on Teshekpuk
- Arctic Urban and Rural Cooperation – European Union
 - Sustainable Tourism and Green Transition
 - Possible Zamboni
- Legal Council
 - ASRC Lease on gravel pits
 - Land leases on Coffee Corner
 - Sales and Use Tax suspension
 - Vaping – will need to be ratified by the voters at the next election
- Arctic Mayor's Forum
- UIC Housing on Browerville Playground

❖ Positions we Opened:

- Recreation Technician
- Maintenance Technician I

❖ City Clerks

- 164 Business Licenses, 147 completed, 17 still in processing



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- 5 Public Notices
- 24 Fall Scholarships Processed
- 4 Burial Permits Received
- Elections – Sent out voting machine SD cards and security cards for updating. Ordered and received our ballots. Currenting preparing for absentee voting and to visit with the homebound and/or elderly voters.
- 2 Facility Chamber use Requests
- 2 Donation Requests
- Taxicab Commission – assisted setting up the meeting

Finance

- ❖ Tribn provided assistance as needed, supporting the audits and accounts processing.

Grants

❖ **NPRA GRANTS**

- Status of 216 Playgrounds not awarded yet. New project developments. Need to meet and address this separately, as the grant as not formally approved and is still in draft.

❖ **COU Recreation Programs:**

- Program planning for new recreational programs x 5 at former SKW gravel site. Brainstorming and draft developments underway.

❖ **ConocoPhillips Grants**

- Reports pending submission notifications received for 2 grants

❖ **COU-BUECI Collaborative Projects**

- **COU-BUECI MOU:** Final drafts being negotiated between legal partners.
- **COU Resolution Adopting the Utqiagvik Power Grid as Critical Infrastructure:** Drafted and submitted for review by COU legal representative.
- **Potential COU-BUECI Projects (updated monthly):**
 - **Switchgear Replacement:** ICAS and BUECI submitted CIPM project was reviewed by the CIPM PRC March 22nd very positively with no concerns.
 - **CNG station renovation:** BUECI seeks to replace its failing CNG station, used to fuel BUECI vehicles. at 1/3 of the cost to run. Option for the City to convert its vehicle fleet to this cheaper and more environmentally friendly and local fuel, and to inspire other entities to do the following.
 - **Transformer recycling,** NPRA funding would be eligible for planning the recycling activities. Subsequently, if the transformers can be listed as an environmental hazard, they could be transported to a recycling facility, if and when they are shown to directly impinge on the interests or plans of the COU.
 - **Nunavak Bay Subdivision Development Master Plan:** Combining NPRA road funding with BUECI natural gas pipeline, water and sewer utilities development. A Housing Master Plan is the first step to developing the Nunavak Bay Subdivision (Plat No. 91-



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❖ Engineering and Construction Planning

- **Playground RFP**
 - Meeting with Exerplay (Landscape Structures) about hot dip galvanized product line.
 - Review AutoCAD drawings for foundation layout
- **SKW Gravel Pit**
 - Meeting with Mayor Toovak about future survey work in the gravel pit area.
- **Housing**
 - Meeting with LCG Lantech regarding new TRIBN house plans. Review existing home plans that LCG constructed in Utqiagvik.
- **Cemetery Management Project**
 - Ongoing: Preparing for Cemetery as-built data collection and mapping.
 - Opening discussion about COU/NVB requirements to have cemetery access to prepare for field/site visit for as-built data collection and identification of Tribal/SHPO/THPO assets.
 - Need to discuss the as-built project with SHPO for possible letter to proceed.
- **Land Use Project (ongoing)**
 - No Update.
- **Material Source Quarry – Data Collection and Preparation**
 - No Update
- **NPRA Grants**
 - Primed NPRA Grant framework for Drainage and Cemetery Improvements.

❖ All ConocoPhillips Cybergrants

Project Title	Application Date	Budget	Award	Status
2024-03-20 2024 Piuraagiaqta Potluck Supplemental Food	03/20/2024	\$7,500	\$7,500	Pending
2024 Support for Little Dribblers Basketball League	12/15/2023	\$63,000	\$5,000	Approved
2023 Piuraagiaqta Potluck Supplemental Food	03/21/2023	\$7,500	\$7,500	Approved
2022 Piuraagiaqta	03/23/2022	\$7,500	\$7,500	Pending
2021 Spring Festival	04/23/2021	\$2,500	\$2,500	Pending
2021 New Scoreboard for Piuraagvik	07/16/2020	\$13,300	\$13,300	Pending
2021 Little Dribblers Program	07/15/2020	\$86,220	\$40,000	Pending
2021 New Bleachers for Piuraagvik	07/15/2020	\$42,985	\$42,985	Pending
2021 New Lighting for Piuraagvik	07/14/2020	\$17,500	\$17,500	Pending
2019 Additional Funds for Gym Floor Completion	07/15/2019	\$68,700	\$68,700	Approved
2020 New Lighting for Roller Rink	07/15/2019	\$32,100	\$32,000	Pending
2020 Hockey Building Upgrades	07/15/2019	\$69,000	\$69,000	Pending
2018-2019 New Year's Celebration Fireworks	12/10/2018	\$35,000	\$5,000	Approved
2019 Replacement of Gym Floor	07/16/2018	\$130,000	\$130,000	Approved
2019 New Bobcat for Upkeep of the Cemeteries in Utqiagvik	07/16/2018	\$40,000	\$0	Rejected



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2018 Men and Women's Basketball Tournament	03/21/2018	\$1,500	\$1,500	Approved
2017-2018 New Year's Celebration Fireworks	10/27/2017	\$30,079	\$5,000	Approved
2016-2017 New Year's Celebration Fireworks	11/02/2016	\$30,079	\$5,000	Approved
2016 New Year's Celebration	12/23/2015	\$1,000	\$1,000	Approved
2015 New Year's Celebration	12/03/2014	\$2,000	\$2,000	Approved
2015 Little Dribblers Program	11/24/2014	\$6,629	\$1,000	Approved
2013 Easter Egg Hunt	03/05/2013	\$350	\$350	Approved
2010 Eben Hopson Memorial Walk/Run/Bike	08/10/2010	\$500	\$500	Approved
Tagiugmiut Dance Group - 2009 AFN Convention	10/02/2009	\$500	\$500	Approved
Piuraagiaqta 2009 Spring Festival	03/27/2009	\$500	\$500	Approved
Barrow Dancers	10/10/2008	\$500	\$500	Approved
Nuvukmiut Dance Group	10/08/2008	\$500	\$500	Approved
50th Anniversary Celebration	05/20/2008	\$5,000	\$5,000	Approved
Community East Egg Hunt	02/14/2008	\$0	\$0	Rejected
Senior Program Support	12/19/2006	\$500	\$500	Approved
Holiday Celebration	11/21/2006	\$0	\$0	Rejected
Holiday Stockings	12/16/2005	\$250	\$250	Approved
Eben Hopson Sr. Memorial Scholarships	09/14/2005	\$5,000	\$5,000	Approved
2005 Cultural Fair	08/10/2005	\$2,000	\$2,000	Approved
Piuraagiaqta 2005 Spring Festival	04/01/2005	\$0	\$0	Rejected
Little Dribblers Inter-Village Tournament	03/11/2005	\$0	\$0	Rejected
Anaktaqitchirit Committee/Christmas Games	11/17/2004	\$500	\$500	Approved
Anaktaqitchirit Committee/Independence Day Games	06/25/2004	\$1,000	\$1,000	Approved
DARE Program	2001	\$0	\$0	Approved
DARE Program	2000	\$0	\$0	Approved
DARE Program	04/26/1999	\$2,500	\$2,500	Approved
Community Summer Jobs Program	03/31/1998	\$2,500	\$2,500	Approved
Eben Hopson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund	08/13/1997	\$500	\$500	Approved
Total		\$709,192	\$479,085	

❖ All Current NPRA Grants

Grant #	Title	Awarded	Expended	Remaining
<u>19-NPRA-13</u>	Repair of the City of Utqiagvik's Shop Subfloor and BCI Support	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000
<u>19-NPRA-15</u>	Purchase New John Deere Loader	\$400,000	\$394,189	\$5,811
<u>19-NPRA-16</u>	Purchase New Tent for Existing Hockey Facility	\$147,690	\$128,646	\$19,044
<u>20-NPRA-07</u>	Purchase of Heating System for Admin Bldg. and Piuraagvik	\$1,660,000	\$543,535	\$1,116,465
<u>20-NPRA-08</u>	Local Government Operations	\$785,000	\$666,408	\$118,592
<u>22-NPRA-16</u>	Installation of New LED Lights for Roller Rink	\$39,300	\$31,480	\$7,820
<u>22-NPRA-17</u>	Local Government Operations	\$2,584,108	\$0	\$2,584,108
<u>22-NPRA-18</u>	Purchase of Duramats and Pins for Cemeteries	\$124,915	\$0	\$124,915



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<u>22-NPRA-19</u>	Purchase of a New Auger	\$950,000	\$0	\$950,000
<u>22-NPRA-20</u>	Purchase of New Light Towers	\$67,724	\$0	\$67,724
<u>22-NPRA-235</u>	All City Facilities Fire Alarm System Upgrades	\$430,209	\$0	\$430,209
<u>22-NPRA-238</u>	Local Government Operations	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
<u>22-NPRA-344</u>	Community Kitchen	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
23-NPRA-216	? Project File Requested from NPRA	\$807,500	\$0	\$807,500
<u>23-NPRA-X1</u>	Local Government Operations	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
24-NPRA-X2	Piuraagvik Redesign and Expansion *SUBMITTED 2024-03	\$16,315,000		

Operations

❖ Recreation

○ Piuraagvik

- 2551 Customers
- Upcoming Events
 - Youth Fall Activities
 - Adults Fall Activities
- The City of Utqiagvik hosted the First Men’s and Women’s Division Cornhole Tournament and here’s the results:
 - Men’s 1st Place – Los AK: Zachary Tiu & Tua Mila
 - Men’s 2nd Place – The Shooters: Rogelio DelaRosa (Reggie) & Erich Pili
 - Women’s 1st Place – Eloteras: Angela Harris & Roselle Crooks
 - Women’s 2nd Place – Dynamic Duo: Araina Danner, Qinugan Roddy
 - Quyanaqpak to all the teams that participated! There were a total of 10 men’s teams and 4 women’s team in the Cornhole Tournament.

○ Aerobics Room

- Eric Fanene – Step Class schedule are Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Melissa Bynum – Zumba Class schedule are Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm – 6:30pm

○ Youth Center

- 274 customers
- Hours of Operation are Monday – Friday 3:00pm to 10:00pm; Saturday and Sundays are 1:30pm to 10:00pm
- Staff will be hosting an NBA 2K24 and Madden 25 NFL PS4 Pro Tournament in November 2024

○ Pool Hall

- 30 Participants
- The facility will now be open seven days a week from 5:15pm – 11:00pm
- Inventory has been updated and staff are preparing for the upcoming Men’s and Women’s Individual Table Tennis and Pool Table Tournament



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❖ Maintenance

○ Key Activities

- Vehicle Management: Checked on vehicles at the auto shop, made keys for the visitor center, and moved vehicles to the shop.
- Grave Site Maintenance: cleaned and maintained the grave site, including pumping out excess water.
- Special Projects: Loader has 31 hours left until service is needed, need to contact Yukon to service the loader as we do not have the proper computer equipment.

❖ Distribution

- Distribution continues normal operations. We are looking at a few types of software programs that will assist in our reporting and maintenance of inventory.

DMV & Taxi

❖ DMV

- Driver's License 30
- Identification Cards 19
- Instructional Permits 12
- General Knowledge Tests 42
- Disability Parking Permits 2
- Commercial Driver's License 12
- Vehicle Title 10
- Vehicle Registrations 18

❖ Taxi

- No updates at this time.

Tavra!