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Greeting from City Hall,

March continues to be busy for the city, here are a few of the things that have been going on this week.

One of the things that I neglected to mention in last week's report was the letter of concern that the city was asked to send to the appropriate persons regarding the poor phone service in Coffman Cove. We sent a letter expressing our concern of the problems of dropped calls, no long distance for weeks at a time, and especially no 911, to ACS, AT&T, FCC Consumer Inquires and Complaints Division, Governor Mike Dunleavy, Congressman Don Sullivan, US representative Mary Peltola, Congresswoman Lisa Murkowski, and Representative Dan Ortiz. At this time, we have received a response from the FCC indicating that they are looking into it and will get back to us.

This past week we had a zoom call kick off meeting on the water intake. This meeting was to discuss the Preliminary Engineering Report for the water intake at Chum Creek. AMD gave the engineering firm a chance to talk to us and Village Safe Water a chance to answer questions around what this planning process would entail.

Also, in the water department we are working on the Lead Line Survey required of us. This is a requirement of the EPA and applies to all community water systems. We are working on getting all the required paperwork filled out and submitted by the April deadline.

We are also involved in communications with the Forest Service about the maintenance of and possible transfer of ownership of Sea Side Picnic Area. The city has been approached in the past about purchasing this from the Forest Service and we were approached again this Fall. Unfortunately, the Large Storm event at the end of November derailed everything, and put the conversation on hold until some of the more pressing issues could be addressed.

This past week those communication have started up again. We will keep you apprised of any updates.

In the office, folks have been busy trying to get billing out and also handling all the day to day things that come up for the city. The biggest issue that has taken a ton of time and effort has been the Level 1 Audit that was required of us, as we spent more than \$750,000 on the Loggers Lane Paving Project. The city changed accounting software in the spring of 2022, and there were some problems that occurred when the information was transferred from the old software to the new software. This problem was on the part of the software company and was pointed out at the time by City Treasurer, but the software company didn't correct the problem, and we couldn't get back into the program to attempt to fix it. The problem ultimately brought our audit to a halt until we could get it fixed. Our Treasurer went back to the Software Company again and explained the problem, and they finally admitted they made a mistake and fixed it. This has allowed us to get back on track with the audit and we hope to see a final statement soon.

Along with these and all the other day-to-day things that come up, the council and the staff have been working hard to take care of the city business and make Coffman Cove a great place to live.

Respectfully

Jack Mulcare
Mayor