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Election winners sworn into office

On October 10, 2005 a special meeting of The City Council was held to certify the results of the Municipal Election.

Congratulations to the winners!



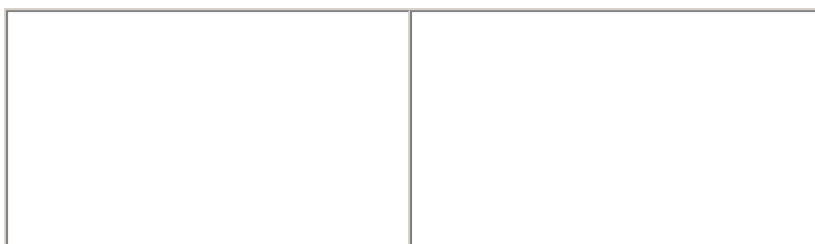
Dick Wyland
Mayor - 3 year

Walter McInnes
City Council - 3 year

Tom Keesecker
City Council - 3 year

Peggy Boscacci will be sworn in at a later date. A vote tally is included at the end of this section. ([click here](#))

New fish cleaning table arrives



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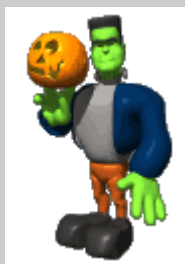


Seldovia Boat Slips



School

▶ **Volleyball - Wrestling - College Fair - Halloween**



Notices

▶ **Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 (pdf)**

▶ **Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)**

▶ **Boys and Girls Club October 2005 Calendar**

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▶ **Harbor Survey Priority Results (pdf)**

Corrections

▶ **None this week. . .**

Classified Rates

▶ **Instructions and rate**



Jim Hopkins and his crew, Randy and Steve Bond, offloaded the new fish cleaning station on Monday. According to Russ Geagel of Kar-a-Van Transfer, it was not a fun transport from Delta Junction due to its width.

The fish cleaning table will not be installed in the harbor until spring.

City Council meeting - October 12

by Tamara Blodgett

Seldovia City Council Meeting had all council members present except Councilwoman Boscacci (excused). Prior Council Meeting Minutes was approved for the September 28th and October 10th Meetings.

A special Public Presentation from David Lockard of The Alaska Energy Authority addressed the future Fuel Farm replacement. Frank Blodgett, Seldovia Fuel & Lube owner, initially contacted The Denali Commission toward this end. The DEC is now working closely with The City, Seldovia Fuel and Lube & AEA to work in a cooperative effort. Currently, funding has been provided for the design of the Fuel Tank Farm Plan only. Funding still needs to be procured for the construction phase. Seldovia Fuel & Lube and The City are completing their lease agreement negotiations to submit for the grant for the construction phase (this is key for the funding to be put in place for the construction phase). Lockard, Blodgett and Reynertson anticipate finalization of lease agreements by month's end.

The construction plan would include the following, in part: 360,000 gallons of boat fuel storage at the current site (with old tank removal), new piping, new distribution center & new retail dispenser for vehicles. A 90% complete design plan has been submitted to the City Manager and will be presented to all participants. This plan includes Denali Commission Requirements ([see the Denali Commission website](#)). Lockard mentioned the challenge is funding. The war and the recent natural disasters have an impact on funding. The AEA is working closely with Reynertson. If funding were obtained, the first phase of the construction would commence in the summer of 2006. The piping would be replaced in that initial phase of construction. The second phase of this project would be the Fuel Storage replacement. Fuel dispensing tanks will be located (per the plan) on the front quarter of Lot 4 with lines running directly to The Fuel & Lube.

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Approximate location of dispensing tanks



Plat location of Lot 4 and tank location



Proposed locations of dispensing tanks and truck loading rack

A public comment made by Dan Blodgett, who did a preliminary walk-thru of the site with a DEC rep. said that, "There is absolutely no leakage, fuel leak, oil leak coming from the tanks, ground or anywhere else." Blodgett went on to say that there has been speculation that the replacement of the tanks is being addressed because the tanks are failing. They are not failing but replacement is being sought so this will not happen in the future.

Old Business was addressed with regard to **Ordinance 06-03, Change in Sundry Fee Schedule**. The City desires clarification from the council on the fee for non-boat charges. City Manager Reynertson wants to see an increase of the fish cleaning table fee for non-moorage boats & a delivery fee increase, \$250/hr for inside city limits and \$500/hr for outside city limits; for boats that are not stored in our boat yard. Reynertson would like to eliminate the reference to canneries in the water and sewer rate schedule. He would also seek to amend/clarify the "Long Term Parking" fee schedule for parking near the Harbor Master Building; and eliminating the reference to "Long Term Parking Seasonal" parking areas as we have the boat haul out yard that accommodates vehicles parked for long periods.

Mr. Dave Cloninger made a public comment regarding this ordinance. He has some specific concerns in relation to the difference between boat and non-boat storage and the fees associated with those two types of storage.

Action: it was determined that more discussion is needed, with review on current policy and fees in addition to developing a more comprehensive document. Council will address all the issues, returning to the next meeting with an addendum to the ordinance that outlines in detail, what the policies and

associated fees will be.

FY 06 Legislative Priorities List is a list that Reynertson would like to see a full range of requests included. We are not limited on the type or size of our grant request items and Reynertson would like to have a complete list by the next City Council Meeting so we can facilitate submission of this list. Currently, there is an informal list that Reynertson started that was meant to be an “incubator of ideas.” He welcomes anyone that would like to submit projects or ideas. He would then integrate those ideas, while taking the most useful information and incorporating it unto the final list for City Council review. The City Council will make the ultimate determination of what goes on the list. Reynertson asked that The City Office be used, as the “depository” for those ideas the public would like to have on the list. It was emphasized that the LPL has to be submitted before the end of the year; time is of the essence.

A public comment was made by Pete Cain regarding extending city sewer lines down Cedar Street.

In New Business:

- **Resolution 06-11, Supporting the Shared Fisheries Tax Allocation Method** passed unanimously with motion made by Councilman Massion and a 2nd by Councilman Glover.
- **Authorized Check Signers for FY06**, which adds Councilwoman Boscacci and Councilman Keesecker and removes former Councilman Lewis, was passed unanimously.
- **AML Fall Conference, scheduled for November 7th through 11th, was passed unanimously for the following: Councilmen Glover and Keesecker, City Manager Kurt Reynertson and Mayor Wyland.**

City Manager’s Report Summary

Leftover money from the EDA Cannery Grant will be used for needed repairs on The City Dock. Reynertson has filed a notice of intent to submit a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). The elevator doors for the Community Center will be installed Friday. Drawings have been completed for the X-Ray Room; these drawings will allow electrical contractors to complete their bid documents. Reynertson signed The State Trooper Contract with modified changes and returned it to Lt. Dan Lowden of the Alaska State Troopers.

Meeting Adjourned: Time elapsed 1:20:08

P&Z meeting ends with no actions

by Tamara Blodgett

Four topics were discussed at the P & Z Special Meeting of October 4, 2005. Action on all four items was postponed until after a P & Z Workshop, which is now scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2005 at 7:00 pm located in the Multi-Purpose Room. All commissioners were present except Everett Boscacci (excused absence).

Building Permit Submitted by Gerald Stranik, Lot 2, Block 13, Waterfront Resubdivision #1

This Building Permit is for the addition of a 1600 sq. ft. second story residence above an existing commercial building at 193 Main Street.



City Manager Kurt Reynertson addressed submission of this building permit to the city and what was discovered during the permit review. The City stated that it couldn't process the application due to the following missing or incomplete items (several other deficiencies were also present, but have been corrected). These include:

1. Location of required parking spaced (for all uses of building)
2. State Fire Marshall review (required when a commercial building is being modified, especially when a residence is being added as a second level). Cost estimates ranged from \$300 to \$1500 for the Fire Marshall Review.

This property is zoned Commercial Marine, which means that a business must be operated on the property. "Business" includes the following:

- retail stores
- services
- restaurants
- offices

Also included as "Accessory Uses" are attached residential units and multi-residential businesses with 4 or more units.

(Note: the above paragraphs on Commercial Marine were revised after the release of the paper on Thursday in order to clarify the definition.)

Action: The Commission decided that the proper procedure would be to correct the deficiencies first and then address the building permit; no action taken.

Land Usage of Lots 5A and 6A, Block 27, Seldovia Townsite Replat

These two lots are being brought to P & Z in order to review their land use. The city is asking the commission to come up with recommendations of what to do with these lots.

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Currently, these two lots belong to the city. Discussion concerning Willow Street stated that this street does not follow the correct property boundaries and that they were created in this manner due to construction problems with the existing waterlines. Lot 6A is a narrow lot, has a fire hydrant in the lot, and has a road easement encroachment of 15', further narrowing the lot. The Nordensens' have offered to pay for a survey of the property (6A) in return for this lot from the city.

Discussion of how the city could best use Lot 5A ranged from selling the lot as residential property, making it a public park or possibly making it a parking lot to alleviate the traffic congestion on Kachemack Street.

Action: The commission decided to postpone action on these two lots until after the next workshop meeting.

Land Usage of Lots 5 and 6, Block 27, Seldovia Townsite Replat

City Manager Reynertson would like to see the zoning of these lots changed from public to commercial to generate income (sale, property tax and sales tax revenue) for the city.



The Commission decided to table a decision for the rezoning of these two lots until their workshop date, which was set for Oct. 17, 2006.

Editor's Comment: The P & Z Commission will be considering an overall plan design strategy for the city's development along Main Street. Available lots that could possibly be sold or used for this development will be considered at the upcoming workshop.

Action: Postponed until after the workshop.

Zoning and Building Codes Study

City Manager Reynertson addressed the need to have strict working definitions for the zoning codes (specifically building height, setbacks, etc.) that are fair and consistent. The Commission will address this issue at the scheduled workshop on the 17th.

Action: A workshop was scheduled.

Chairwoman Paulie Carluccio asked City Clerk Rhonda Haynes to amend the agenda to reflect a bylaws change in the regular meeting date from Wednesday to Monday.

The next regular Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting will take place on Nov. 7, 2005.

HEA power outage last week

by Tom Glover

Last week's power outage blacked out a small section of Seldovia for most of the day. The problem ended up being a fault in a burried primary power cable located off of Eagle Run.

Editors note: Since we were included in the blackout area, I am happy to report that we were very pleased with HEA's recovery time for this problem. The fault occurred in early morning, the repair crew responded by helicopter within two hours, the problem was located and most of the blackout grid power was restored in another 2-1/2 hours, and the fault in the cable was repaired and power was fully restored by about 700pm.



Not so easy getting to some of those burried cables!



Before the cable can be repaired, switches like this unit must be tripped in order to kill the power to the damaged part of the grid.

Ferry schedule jumps to 3 stops per week

Thursday marked the beginning of the Tustumena's three stop per week ferry schedule by AMHS. A 30 day ferry schedule is maintained on the [Seldovia Gazette Community Calendar](#) if you need additional information.

Certified Seldovia election results

Official Municipal Election Results Posted October 10, 10:15pm - City Election Certified	
<i>City Council - 1 year term</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Peggy Boscacci	80 winner
Write in - Eric Nordenson	5
Write in - Pierre Int-Hout	1
Write in - Ray Springer	3
Write in - Savannah Lewis	1
<i>City Council - 3 year term</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Tom Keesecker	50 winner
Steve Lewis	31
Walter McInnes	58 winner
Write in - Eric Nordenson	23
Write in - Jerry Willard	1
Write in - Mike Miller	1

Write in - Pierre Int-Hout	1
Write in - Doug Giles	1
Write in - Tom Glover	1

<i>Mayor of Seldovia - 3 year term</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Savannah Lewis	27
Dick Wyland	63 winner
Write in - Gerry Willard	3
Write in - Jim Hopkins	1

Seldovia Municipal Election Notes:

- 1) The turnout count of Borough/City voters in this election was 115. Of the 115 voters, 89 were registered in The City. Out of the 89 City ballots, 9 are classified as "Questionable Ballots"; out of the 9 Questionables, 5 did not pass. "Questionable Ballots" indicates that there was a problem with the ballot, e.g. the voters address not matching the printouts between the City and Borough.
2. The above vote totals include the 11 absentee ballots that were returned.
3. Election was certified by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

<i>SBE Parent Advisory Council - 3 year term</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Trinket Gallien	85 winner
Write in - Debbie Hecks	1

On October 4, 2004 a table was set up at the election poll for a public opinion poll of the voters who wished to participate. The City Parks & Recreation Committee was taking the poll to get an idea where the majority of the people would like to have the Seafarer's Memorial Park constructed.

<i>Public Opinion Poll on the Seafarer's Memorial Park</i>	<i>Votes</i>
" Lot 1, Block 10 (next to the old Buzz)"	37
"End of the break water"	28
"Watch Point"	8
"Other" (start of breakwater, next to harbormaster building, next to Straniks, by harbor)	4

Tidbits . . .

Toby Craft - already practicing up for next years Chain Saw Carving Competition in Seldovia! Don't miss the fun during this four day Memorial Day weekend event next year.



City Manager's Corner

by Kurt Reynertson

Period covering September 26 - October 7

- There is money left over from the EDA Cannery Grant that we have permission from the EDA to use on our City Dock. I have coordinated do as much as possible on a Force Account basis with Ms. Kelly of the EDA. The City Dock Pilings have the highest priority and will use up the remaining money. The Workman's Comp was significantly higher than anticipated due to the nature of the work involved. I have hired Mike Geagel as chief diver (along with 3 other divers) as well as three other locals that will serve as tenders and laborers. Some city equipment will be used but the majority will be rented from Hopkins. I have ordered the required material from an outfit in Houston , Texas that will allow us to affect the repairs.
- I filed a notice of intent to submit a CDBG application. In the notice of intent I indicated that Seldovia would be requesting a CDBG for construction of an ice house (with a flash freezer) that will serve the local, charter, subsistence, and commercial fishing concerns.
- The elevator doors for the Community Center have arrived. The work is being scheduled that will complete the ADA modifications.
(UPDATE: The elevator doors for the Community Building will be installed this Friday)
- The shop drawings from GE for the X-Ray room have been completed. These drawings will allow the electrical contractors to complete their bid documents (I have asked Liberty Electric and Northern Lights Electric to provide quotes for the work).
- The State Trooper contract has been modified with all changes that we requested. I have signed the contract and returned it to Lt. Dan Lowden of the Alaska State Troopers. The changes we requested were to clarify the traffic enforcement (on a case-by-case basis only), clarify Marine Search and Rescue (we are NOT responsible for Marine Search and Rescue), and public relations (we are NOT responsible for public relations).
- *UPDATE: there will be an Economic Development District Funding Forum on October 27th from 11 AM till 4 PM . This is by invite only and Seldovia has been invited. An RSVP is required. I will not be here but feel we should send a representative.*
- *UPDATE: we have been successful in our application to have a VISTA member help us in researching and writing grants for the city. The*

VISTA Program Office has selected Lisa O'Leary as the VISTA Member. The position will start up in January, 2006, and go through next January (2007). In January both Lisa and I will travel to Utah for an orientation meeting (travel funded by VISTA). Those dates are Jan 23-26.

- *UPDATE: The fish cleaning station (table) has arrived. We will not put it in the water until spring. It will be stored next to the boat wash house.*
- *UPDATE: The logs that are near the boat wash house are for the chain saw cutting contest to be held next year. **These logs are not for fire wood.***

Seldovia Police Report *by A.W. Anderson, Chief of Police*

Police found a bicycle helmet in the parking lot at the airport. If you lost a helmet, call and describe it to get it returned.

A pair of jeans, a pull over shirt, a pair of socks and a toothbrush were turned in to the Police Department after they were found. They appear to have just been laundered. If you lost your clothes (hopefully not in a poker game) and your toothbrush come by and pick them up.

Police responded to two separate calls to check on the welfare of persons in our community after friends became worried about them. On both occasions The Police contacted the parties and made it known that people were concerned about them and that assistance was only a phone call away if needed. Fortunately both parties were not in need of police assistance.

A report of a person shouting in the early morning hours was taken and investigation revealed a man had called out after he had been frightened by a nightmare. He was somewhat embarrassed that The Police contacted him in this regard but felt good that others thought enough of him to call The Police when they thought he was in need.

A citizen called and reported a number of full beers were lying in the open on the ground and they feared the alcohol could fall into the wrong hands. Police picked up the beer. Evidence at the scene indicated someone had fallen over an embankment and had dropped the beers. It is unknown if the party was injured in the fall.

A man who is a summer resident called the Police to report he had 5 – 7 gallons of gasoline stolen out of his airplane sometime between 10/7 and 10/9 while his airplane was parked at the Seldovia Airport. He checked his aircraft for gas leaks, he did not have a head wind coming to Seldovia or returning to Anchorage and he did not change his route to Anchorage from Seldovia. He fueled his aircraft before he departed Anchorage and again when he returned to Anchorage. He always flies the same route and has made the trip many times so he is convinced the gas was taken while the aircraft was tied down on the Seldovia Airport. He is very thankful he did not have to divert from his course or return to Seldovia due to weather. 5 – 7 gallons of gasoline could mean the difference between life and death on such an occasion. This is a “VERY SERIOUS” matter and persons guilty of such a crime could be facing **felony** charges and serious jail time.

The City Office Personnel gives the Driver's Permit tests to the children of our

community which entitles them to drive ATV's and automobiles, under certain restrictions, when they are 14 years of age. Someone was able to obtain the answers to the test questions which were passed around school. A parent contacted The Police with the answer sheet and information as to what had taken place. Hopefully students would not have to resort to such lengths to pass the test. It is very important that they know the rules of the road before taking to the roadways in a vehicle or an ATV.

Police responded to a local residence, which was vacant at the time, after a call was received reporting suspicious persons in that area. No evidence of entry, forced or otherwise, was found and no evidence of theft was found but frequent patrols will continue in that area. The residents will be notified of the report upon their return.

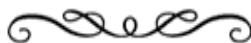
Since last report The Police have notarized 6 documents, responded to 2 calls for assistance, had 3 security checks of vacant summer resident homes and stopped a vehicle driving 44 mph in a 35 mph zone. Two reports of persons speeding on Jakolof Bay Road were also received.

More and more dogs are being observed running at large in the City. The Municipal Code prohibits dogs to run at large. Hopefully animal owners will take steps to correct the problem without Police involvement but if need be The Police will take action to alleviate the problem.

It is again the fall/winter season which means we have to make sure our windows are clear of frost and/or snow before we leave our homes in the mornings. Many of our children, and adults alike, walk to school or to work and, with it being dark at that time of the morning, it is very important we take the extra time to make sure we have good visibility. The law is very specific in this area and for a very good reason. If you are seen with an obscured windshield **YOU WILL BE CITED**. I would hate to think what a person would go through if they hit someone because they hadn't taken the time to clear the windshield of their car and couldn't see someone walking. Let's all work together and take the added time to clear the windshield and help insure everyone's safety on our streets.

Repeats & Notices

- ▶ *Comprehensive Plan Public Final Version
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- ▶ *Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 (pdf)*
- ▶ *Harbor Survey Priority Results (pdf)*



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