



# CITY OF ANDERSON

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## **CITY OF ANDERSON, ALASKA**

### **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

Budget Assumptions – Upcoming Fiscal Year

Date: April 9th, 2026

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: City Hall

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#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Roll Call

#### 3. Purpose of the Hearing

- We want to hear from the public about budget assumptions and challenges for the next fiscal year.
- The City Council will listen carefully, may ask questions for clarification, and may provide information or explanations based on prior discussions.
- No decisions will be made at this hearing.

#### 4. Budget Overview

- A brief summary of expected revenues, expenses, and major challenges.

#### 5. Public Comment

- Each speaker will have 3–5 minutes to share thoughts.
- Correspondence
- Council may ask clarifying questions or offer brief explanations, but will not make decisions.

#### 6. Closing Remarks

- Outline of next steps in the budget process.
- Thanks to everyone who participated.

#### 7. Adjournment



# **City of Anderson**






FY27 Budget Assumptions for Drafting

# FY26 considerations for moving forward

- Wildland Fire Program – Successful FY26 program. FY27 fire risk lower, profits likely reduced. Continuing the action in our area. Likely to profit less from the program than last year, still important to stand up program for community safety, chances of a fire are never 0, and building a well run, consistent program.
- DMV– Subsidizing the service costs the city ~\$9,000-\$16,000/year. Need to either raise prices or cut the program.
- Payroll - Fire Dept stipends. New secondary full-time Public Works laborer/CDL course with a 3-year commitment contract.
- Utilities and Insurance- Expect increase - GVEA rate increase of 7.5% i Jan '26. Insurance costs will rise slightly, to rise a little but not much. Insurance would be a little cheaper if we eliminate the City building.
- Sewage Lagoon- Must raise rates and review current contracts and procedures.
- City building/ clinic Renovations- We have applied for funding for this process via CAPSIS we should find out by May whether this is likely to be funded. We need to make a decision about this project ASAP.
- Future maintenance/ equipment needs- We need a to look at replacing some major items and what that timeline looks like. 5 year plan is necessary for multiple big ticket items like replacing the Small loader, acquiring a brush hog type attachment for clearing the lagoons, park, and ditches, roof replacement on the fire hall, acquiring an excavator, acquiring a new ambulance, remodeling or building new facilities at the park, updating the park playground equipment.

# Wildland Fire Program

## FY26 Review: April - August

-  **Payroll (5 employees):** \$115,871.56 (includes significant overtime due to Bear Creek fire).
-  **Stand-up Costs:** \$14,047.36 (Uniforms, airfare, supplies, tools, vehicle maintenance, free housing, Wi-Fi, gas cards).
-  **Total Income:** \$321,502.13
-  **Total Expenses:** \$129,918.92
-  **Net Profit: \$191,583.21**

## FY27 Projections: Upcoming Season

- **Estimated Payroll (13 weeks, 4 employees):** \$66,160 (approx. \$5,090/week, excluding OT).
- **Crew Structure:** 2 Engine Bosses (\$35/hr), 2 EFF1/2 (\$22/hr).

## FY27 Key Considerations

- **Environmental Factors:** Significant current **snow load (10 ft)** and low temperatures increase likelihood of late summer/early winter fires.
- **Operational Strategy:** Later start (late May - mid August). New housing (2 cabins), 3-4 member crew with Engine Boss or PT Admin focusing on program coordination and billing.
- **Financial Risk:** Potential small deficit (projected under \$10,000) to stand up the program if no fire activity occurs.



# DMV

- **FY26 Projected Budget deficit of \$6,000-\$19,000**
- **Primary cause of deficit is due to Payroll and overhead costs being more than what we make in commission.**
- **Service needs second employee, cannot afford second employee**
- **Eliminating the DMV removes overhead, payroll, and supply costs.**
- **State does not pay rent, nor do they cover non-DMV issued supplies**

MONTH 2024	TRANSACTIONS	PAY STATE	COMMISSION	TOTAL	ROAD TEST	Column
JAN	19	\$ 551.60	\$ 255.40	\$ 807.00		2
FEB	33	\$ 1,637.60	\$ 892.40	\$ 2,530.00		2
MARCH	49	\$ 2,082.40	\$ 1,040.60	\$ 3,123.00		3
APRIL	44	\$ 2,722.60	\$ 1,480.40	\$ 4,203.00		3
MAY	17	\$ 742.00	\$ 370.00	\$ 1,112.00		7
JUNE	99	\$ 5,371.80	\$ 2,564.20	\$ 7,936.00		6
JULY	63	\$ 3,038.40	\$ 1,387.60	\$ 4,426.00		5
AUG	75	\$ 3,622.90	\$ 1,779.10	\$ 5,402.00		6
SEPT	55	\$ 3,723.60	\$ 1,621.40	\$ 5,342.00		3
OCT	41	\$ 2,222.60	\$ 1,085.40	\$ 3,238.00		3
NOV	27	\$ 895.50	\$ 518.50	\$ 1,411.00		6
DEC	18	\$ 291.40	\$ 202.60	\$ 494.00		3
	540	\$ 26,902.40	\$ 13,197.60	\$ 40,024.00		49

MONTH 2025	TRANSACTIONS	PAY STATE	COMMISSION	TOTAL	ROAD TEST	COMMENTS
JAN	22	\$ 1,538.90	\$ 729.10	\$ 2,268.00	1	
FEB	36	\$ 1,881.10	\$ 1,011.90	\$ 2,893.00	2	
MARCH	36	\$ 2,064.30	\$ 1,074.70	\$ 3,439.00	0	
APRIL	66	\$ 2,024.40	\$ 1,196.60	\$ 3,221.00	3	
MAY	130	\$ 8,374.80	\$ 3,440.20	\$ 11,815.00	4	NEW SUMMER HRS
JUNE	116	\$ 7,419.90	\$ 3,667.10	\$ 11,027.00	13	
JULY	106	\$ 4,027.30	\$ 2,142.70	\$ 6,140.00	5	
AUG	91	\$ 3,800.50	\$ 2,039.00	\$ 5,839.00	9	
SEPT	41	\$ 1,702.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 2,842.00	8	WINTER HOURS
OCT	49	\$ 1,852.20	\$ 1,140.80	\$ 2,993.00	3	
NOV	42	\$ 1,712.70	\$ 880.30	\$ 2,593.00	2	
DEC	21	\$ 264.00	\$ 242.00	\$ 464.00	1	
	756	\$ 36,662.10	\$ 18,704.40	\$ 55,534.00	51	

# SEWAGE LAGOON

## CURRENT STATUS & APPROVED INCREASE



### Current Rates:

- Charging \$175.00 per 100 gallons
- Or \$0.175 per gallon

**Need to review contract and rates**



### Approved 5% Increase (Next Year):

- Rate increases to \$184.00 per 100 gallons
- Or \$0.184 per gallon (unless increased further)

## RECOMMENDED 3-YEAR RATE INCREASE SCALE



**FY27**

Increase to \$0.25 per gallon  
\$250.00 / 1000 gallons



**FY28**

Increase to \$0.35 per gallon  
\$350 / 1000 gallons



**FY29**

Increase to \$0.40 per gallon  
\$400 / 1000 gallons



**Recommend implementing a yearly \$1500 charge for access and maintenance.**

# Payroll

Recommend adding **Fire and EMS Stipends Tri-Valley & EMS/FD** and **McKinley Village FD** have stipends/ payroll for their fire staff.

- ✓ Fire Chief: **\$6,000**/annually (**\$500**/monthly)
- ✓ EMS Chief: **\$6,000**/annually (**\$500**/monthly)
  - ✓ NOTE: Chief overseeing both can collect both Fire stipends.
- ✓ Volunteers: **\$13,000**/annually (**\$25**/per call-per volunteer)



## Public Works / Environmental

- ✓ Move current PT Laborer to FT.
- ✓ Raise wage to **\$22/hr.**
- ✓ Include **\$12,400** benefits stipend.



## CDL Contract & Training

- ✓ Pay for **CDL Course** for laborer.
- ✓ Dependent on 5-Year contract to work for City.
- ✓ Require payback for the CDL if contract is broken.

# Utilities and Insurance



## GVEA Rate Increase

- In January 2026 GVEA raised their rates 7.5%. Anticipating an increase in electric costs of \$75 for every \$1000 billed.



## Insurance

- APRA held a shareholders meeting in late February and discussed what they are projecting for FY27. They don't foresee huge increase and made few changes. Do believe most policies will increase a few thousand dollars maximum if at all.
- If we remove the City Hall Building from the annual policy we could see our cost reduce ~\$6,000- \$9,000

# NOTABLE BUDGET PROJECTIONS FOR UPCOMING FISCAL YEARS



**Sewer to Septic Switchover-** Need to have a Septic pumping and thawing business stood up to make sure residents have access to septic pumping and thawing services, will require CDL drivers, and Training for laborers on Compact Wastewater systems



**Monofill** will close out in next 10-15 years. DEC no longer renewing monofills



Will need to **clear and expand sewage lagoon** to continue enterprise into the distant future.



**AK Guard move to Eilson** could reduce population, InDyne also experiencing layoffs. Could see population decline more without real intention to grow population



**State Budget** very tight, could reduce CAP



**Denali Borough budget** almost completely funded via tourism and luxury taxes. If we see a reduction in Tourism the Borough could reduce CAP funding as well.



**LNG Pipeline** and possible EUL agreements could lead to alot of development- this is contingent on pipeline moving forward

# POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS



## Alaska Housing Finance Corp. Partnership

Work with AHFC to acquire Professional Housing grant and build rental housing in the Northern Lights subdivision.



## Abandoned & Condemned Housing Initiative

Continuing to seek funding for project to condemn and clear abandoned properties throughout town.



## Gravel Pit Lease (RFP)

Consider releasing an RFP to rent/lease pit to company that can operate it for a percentage/portion.



## New City Hall Building Planning

Save, apply for grant funding, and create building plan for new City Hall building.

<b>BUDGET AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT</b>	<b>Budget for FY27</b>	<b>FY26 Actuals as of DEC 25</b>
R&R AMLIP & savings Account	35,000.00	20000
Interest Gained AMLIP & savings account	1,000.00	671.63
<b>Total R&amp;R Savings</b>	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>20671.63</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
<b>Prior Year Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0</b>
221,976.90		221976.9
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE INCOME</b>		
Sales Tax	15,000.00	11201.78
Tax Revenue Sharing	34,193.29	34193.29
Website Adds	-	50
OFFICE SERVICES copy/fax/scan	-	4.5
POST OFFICE RENTAL	11,300.00	4950
TOWER LEASE	10,500.00	5301.04
CLINIC ROOM /HOUSE RENTAL	-	0
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	-	0
INSURANCE CLAIM	-	14583.62
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE INCOME</b>	<b>70,993.29</b>	<b>70284.23</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE EXPENSES</b>		
Payroll Wages	70,000.00	34168.14
Payroll Taxes	6,000.00	4917.53
HRA	-	0
Contract Services	-	2522
Benefits - PERS	12,400.00	20311.88
R&R AMLIP & SAVINGS	35,000.00	20000
Training, Workshop and Conference Fees	6,000.00	2039.37
Telephone/Internet	3,000.00	2423.86

FY26 actuals as of Dec 2025, All of these totals include annual payments, and all payments made by EOY 2025/ 6 months worth of payments made for FY26

We know there may be a decline in population due to Guard movement  
Likely to be similar

Office Supplies/Postage	3,000.00	2466.22
Credit Card Processing Fees	700.00	538.32
Bank Service Charges	500.00	119.7
Licenses and Permits/Registrations		10
Dues and Subscriptions	5,500.00	3594.55
EQUIPMENT	1,000.00	2758.79
MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	557.95
Election Costs	750.00	665.49
HEATING Paid by Grant	-	1583.46
ELECTRIC	-	852.63
TRASH REMOVAL	800.00	1541.19
LEGAL	15,000.00	1128
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE EXPENSES</b>	<b>160,650.00</b>	<b>102199.08</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES INCOME</b>		
DMV SERVICES	-	20955.4
Postage - Reimbursements	-	0
<b>TOTAL DMV INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20955.4</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES EXPENSES</b>		
Payroll Wages	-	8967.75
Payroll Taxes	-	775.72
Benefits - SICK TIME	-	0
TRASH REMOVAL	-	0
Telephone/Internet	-	639.81
HEATING Paid by Grant	-	267.24
MAINTENANCE	-	306.26
ELECTRIC	-	852.61
Office Supplies/Postage	-	115.08
Credit Card Processing Fees	-	498.16
DMV Fee -paid to the state	-	13613.1
<b>TOTAL DMV EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26035.73</b>

We bought new computers for DMV and Clerk 2026

ending DMV services 6/30/26

<b>PUBLIC WORKS INCOME</b>		
AUCTION/SALES	2,000.00	17969
SEWER	-	0
GRAVEL	-	2700
SEPTIC PUMPING	2,300.00	460
Public Works Service	-	0
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	-	975
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS INCOME</b>	<b>4,300.00</b>	<b>22104</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES</b>		
PAYROLL WAGES	74,880.00	68013.4
PAYROLL TAXES	6,365.00	5560.21
BENEFITS	12,400.00	0
HRA	-	0
Contract Services	-	440
Credit Card Processing Fees	-	155.28
SUPPLIES	5,000.00	1401.44
EQUIPMENT	25,000.00	0
MAINTANENCE	65,000.00	31515.47
UNIFORMS	1,000.00	861.97
TRAINING	1,500.00	0
TRASH REMOVAL	800.00	1956.92
Telephone/Internet	500.00	321.73
HEATING - Paid by grant	-	5805.61
ELECTRIC	3,000.00	1242.3
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES</b>	<b>195,445.00</b>	<b>117274.33</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE/FORESTRY EXPENSES</b>		
AVFD FORESTRY	-	0
AMBULANCE	-	3437.15
PARK EVENTS	-	0
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3437.15</b>

Surplus sale again- Office items potentially city hall building

<b>PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES</b>		
PAYROLL WAGES	25,000.00	0
PAYROLL TAXES	2,500.00	0
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	5,000.00	5072
Legal Fees & Title Search	-	15
PPE	3,000.00	1919.24
MAINTENANCE	7,000.00	4295.79
AIRFARE	-	0
TRAININGS	1,500.00	1516.21
Wildland Div - Cabins	-	0
SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	0
TRASH REMOVAL	-	0
Telephone/Internet	1,500.00	1169.64
HEATING Partially Paid by Grant	7,460.00	9460.52
ELECTRIC	4,000.00	2085.5
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES</b>	<b>56,960.00</b>	<b>25533.9</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL INCOME</b>		
Lagoons	350,000.00	211136.02
Sewer Service Income	-	292.5
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL INCOME</b>	<b>350,000.00</b>	<b>211428.52</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSE</b>		
PAYROLL WAGES	52,000.00	2245
PAYROLL TAXES	4,420.00	194.19
BENEFITS	12,400.00	0
HRA	-	0
SUPPLIES	5,000.00	39.99
EQUIPMENT	-	0
MAINTENANCE	25,000.00	7885.52

Stipends for EMT/ Fire volunteers, and EMS Fire Chief

includes \$5500 for match on EMS-C skid

Raise lagoon price to 0.25 per gallon- \$250 per 1000 gallons

TRAINING	15,000.00	0
PHONE/INTERNET	500.00	37.99
ELECTRIC	500.00	203.13
<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>114,820.00</b>	<b>10605.82</b>
<b>HEALTH INCOME</b>		
CLINIC ROOM /HOUSE RENTAL	-	0
<b>TOTAL HEALTH INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HEALTH EXPENSES</b>		
PAYROLL WAGES	-	0
Payroll Taxes	-	0
BENEFITS	-	0
SUPPLIES	500.00	0
EQUIPMENT	-	0
MAINTENANCE	1,000.00	785.98
SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	0
CLEANING	-	0
HEATING	9,000.00	3947.18
ELECTRIC	7,500.00	578.69
<b>TOTAL HEALTH EXPENSES</b>	<b>18,000.00</b>	<b>5311.85</b>
<b>PARKS INCOME</b>		
PARK OVERNIGHT	3,500.00	2525
PARK EVENTS	1,500.00	0
Park Donations	-	26
PARK LONGTERM RENTAL	1,000.00	855
<b>TOTAL PARKS INCOME</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>3406</b>
<b>PARKS EXPENSES</b>		
WAGES	7,200.00	0
PAYROLL TAXES	800.00	0
BENEFITS	-	0

CDL training for Duene

Pay \$18/hr -25 hrs/wk 12 weeks-  
position to help with admin/ at  
firehouse/ and to clean park bathrooms,  
fire station kitchen and bathroom, and  
city hall bathrooms-12 weeks late May  
to mid August

Credit Card Processing Fees	100.00	81.21
SUPPLIES	2,000.00	0
EQUIPMENT	-	0
ELECTRIC	2,000.00	1517.7
HEATING	1,000.00	600.64
BOROUGH BED TAX	500.00	396.65
MAINTENANCE	1,500.00	245.39
Wildland Div - Cabins	-	2859.34
ADVERTISING	1,000.00	956.88
COMMUNITY EVENTS	2,000.00	1240.21
<b>TOTAL PARKS EXPENSES</b>	<b>18,100.00</b>	<b>7898.02</b>
<b>LAND INCOME</b>		
LAND SALES	22,000.00	7500
<b>TOTAL LAND INCOME</b>	<b>22,000.00</b>	<b>7500</b>
<b>LAND EXPENSES</b>		
SUPPLIES	1,000.00	0
EQUIPMENT	-	0
MAINTENANCE	-	0
LEGAL/TITLE SEARCH	5,000.00	3562.5
SURVEYOR	-	0
<b>TOTAL LAND EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>3562.5</b>
<b>WILDLAND DIVISION INCOME</b>		
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	5,000.00	4444.63
LAGOON INCOME	-	3000.38
FORESTRY INCOME	133,000.00	248757.99
PARK EVENTS	-	20775
<b>TOTAL WILDLAND INCOME</b>	<b>138,000.00</b>	<b>276978</b>
<b>WILDLAND DIVISION EXPENSES</b>		

\$1200\*60=72000 daily rate  
on the truck +\$61600 in  
reimbursed payroll

SALARIES & WAGES	80,000.00	48446.28
PAYROLL TAXES	8,000.00	4190.61
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	4993.09
TRAINING/TRAVEL	2,000.00	976.8
HEATING & FUEL	10,000.00	959.85
<b>TOTAL WILDLAND EXPENSES</b>	<b>105,000.00</b>	<b>59566.63</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME</b>	<b>591,293.29</b>	<b>616093.3</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</b>	<b>674,975.00</b>	<b>357987.86</b>
<b>Grants- Not in the General Fund</b>		
<b>GRANT No. 1 Community Assistance - State Funding (CAP)</b>		
<b>COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CAP INCOME</b>	<b>78,000.00</b>	<b>75950.09</b>
<b>COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE -STATE (CAP) EXPENSES</b>		
Insurance/Workers Comp	68,000.00	68237.35
Heating Fuel	10,000.00	0
<b>TOTAL CAP EXPENSES</b>	<b>78,000.00</b>	<b>68237.35</b>
<b>GRANT No. 2 Community Assistance Denali Borough</b>		
<b>Community Assistance Denali Borough Income</b>	<b>80,000.00</b>	<b>80000</b>
Insurance/Workers Comp	-	0
Grant Expenditures - Other	-	0
<b>TOTAL CAP EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GRANT NO. 3 CAPSIS -LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION INCOME</b>		
<b>TOTAL CAPSIS INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100000</b>
<b>GRANT NO. 3 CAPSIS -LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION EXPENSE</b>		
VAC TRUCK	-	100000

projecting ~\$61600 for 13 weeks of payroll with a buffer for a week or two on either end  
does not include OT, assuming we will not have any fires.

Applied for \$100,000. May get \$87,000

<b>TOTAL CAPSIS EXPENSE</b>	-	100000
<b>TOTAL GRANT INCOME</b>	158,000.00	255950.09
<b>TOTAL GRANT EXPENSES</b>	78,000.00	168237.35
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>		
<b>SEWER INCOME</b>		
SEWER SERVICE INCOME	18,000.00	19385
<b>TOTAL SEWER INCOME</b>	18,000.00	19385
<b>SEWER EXPENSE</b>		
SUPPLIES	-	0
Credit Card Processing Fees	315.00	313.88
EQUIPMENT	-	0
MAINTENANCE	3,000.00	2973.16
ELECTRIC	7,500.00	6999.27
<b>TOTAL SEWER EXPENSES</b>	10,815.00	10286.31
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE INCOME</b>	18,000.00	19385
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE EXPENSES</b>	10,815.00	10286.31
<b>PROJECT 1</b>		
<b>PROJECT INCOME</b>		0
<b>PROJECT EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries		0
Payroll Taxes		0
Stipends		0
Workers Compensation Insurance		0
Airfare		0
Per Diem		0
Training, Workshop and Conference Fees		0
Telephone		0

Rent		0
Electricity		0
Water/Sewer		0
Fuel Oil		0
Bldg. Repairs/Maintenance		0
Office Supplies		0
Postage Supplies		0
Equipment Rental		0
Copier Supplies		0
Equipment Purchase		0
Vehicle/Equipment Repairs		0
Interest & Late Charges		0
Bank Service Charges		0
Insurance and Bonding		0
Dues and Subscriptions		0
Contract Labor		2962
Professional Fees		0
Other:		0
<b>TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSES</b>	-	2962
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	767,293.29	912100.02
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	763,790.00	536511.52

3,503.29

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to share my concerns and perspective regarding current budget priorities, specifically as they relate to the condition of the City Office and the need for a safe and functional workspace.

At this point, I do not believe this is simply a matter of preference or long-term planning—it is becoming a matter of necessity. Based on the information we have received, including the insurance inspection and identified risks such as potential asbestos in the ceiling materials, structural concerns with the roof, and the likelihood of mold or other hazardous materials, we are facing conditions that may no longer be safe for staff to occupy and especially during repairs.

The inspection indicates that disturbance of materials potentially containing asbestos should only be performed by qualified, licensed abatement professionals. Additionally, any major work—such as roof repair—would create airborne dust and contaminants that present serious health risks. I cannot work in an environment where these hazards are present, particularly during active construction.

We are faced with a practical issue: repairs of this nature cannot reasonably be completed while staff are working beneath the affected areas. At the same time, even routine maintenance (such as snow removal from the roof) has been identified as hazardous due to the building's condition. This places us in a situation where both maintaining and repairing the building pose risks.

Fiscal responsibility is also an important concern. If the City is able to fund and safely complete repairs to both facilities within the budget, then terrific, but not sure that it would be possible. However, if budget constraints require prioritization, I strongly recommend that the clinic be addressed first, as it is in better overall condition and can more quickly be made into a safe and functional workspace.

Given these realities, I believe the most responsible course of action is to prioritize making the health clinic building safe and suitable for occupancy as soon as possible. This would allow City operations to continue in a safe environment while decisions are made regarding the future of the current City Office.

Whether the existing City Office is ultimately repaired or demolished is a decision that can be made later. However, immediate attention must be given to ensuring that staff have a safe and healthy place to work. Without that, we risk both employee safety and the City's ability to continue normal operations.

Additionally, any work performed on the current building will require properly bonded, insured contractors with the qualifications to handle asbestos abatement and other environmental hazards. It may be difficult to secure such contractors, and this should be considered as part of the planning process. Consultation with the insurance provider for guidance on requirements and risk mitigation is strongly recommended.

In summary, my position is this:

- The safety and health of employees must be the top priority.
- If prioritization is necessary due to budget constraints, the clinic should be repaired first.
- City operations should be relocated to a safe environment during any major construction.
- Decisions about the long-term future of the current City Office can follow once immediate safety concerns are addressed.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to making decisions that protect both staff and the community.

Sincerely,  
Darcia Grace  
City Clerk / Bookkeeper  
City of Anderson

Anderson City Counsel Members:

Below find my input on the “FY26 considerations for moving forward”.

**Sandra Lee Trumbower**

**Wildland Fire Program:**

I am totally in favor of this program. Our weather has been getting more and more extreme and forest fires are a part of that. We WILL have another one in the near future and it is in our entire area’s best interest to be prepared.

**DMV**

It is indisputably clear that having the DMV in Anderson is NOT cost effective. I understand that several people fought hard to get it here and want to keep it, seemingly because they fought hard to get it, not because it is a benefit to us and ignoring the fact that it is now a detriment to us. I understand that some people suggested it was good to keep because it “brought people into our town”. To what end? If we had businesses here that would perhaps benefit, like a gas station or restaurant, I could perhaps see their point. I believe we should let the DMV go.

**Sewage Lagoon**

I agree with recommended rate increases.

**Payroll**

Fire and EMS Stipends: I heard several people say “volunteers are volunteering” well, yeah they are. AND WE HAVE A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN THAT ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER. How many people have stepped up to fill the council seats that are open? We are short

on EMT that are qualified to make the run to Fairbanks. A few of the people that felt that volunteers are volunteering spent many years volunteering in this town. They are not now. Why? Perhaps because they are burnt out on it and did not feel appreciated. An ambulance trip to Fairbanks is a major time commitment 3 hours of driving, depending on the situation at least 30 minutes of preparation of patient for transport (if it requires extraction from a vehicle or snow machining out a trail to bring patient to the road it is way more time), and there is another 30 minutes at least at the hospital transferring the patient and cleaning/disinfecting the ambulance. At the VERY MINIMUM 4 hours! Not to mention the time and cost for the EMTs to gain and keep their certification. It feels like a slap in the face to hear that a \$25 thank you is offensive to some. It is not the amount, I would feel fine with a \$10. It is the gesture of appreciation that holds value!

Fire Chief /EMS Stipend: Our fire chief puts in many hours for the benefit of this community. Hours that taken away from time with his family. He has many skills that are of great value to this town. Due to actions taken by him we have greatly reduced some costs to the town – vehicle insurance is the main one that comes to mind. I have no strong feelings on the amount of stipend, but again, I feel the gesture is important to show that we do value and appreciate the hours he puts in to our benefit.

### **Utilities and Insurance**

I agree that removing the City Hall Building, that has become a financial liability, from our expenses (both utilities and insurance) is the responsible choice.

I am in favor of doing the needed repairs and improvements on the building beside the City Hall to facilitate moving the city and postal services into that building and closing the current City Hall Building. Repairing the current city Hall Building, while again, emotionally important to many of our residents, is not financially responsible. It has served us well for many years and is now in

the reverse position of hurting our bottom line and the health of people that work there.

### **Sewer to Septic**

I agree that the best thing for Anderson would be to have a septic pumping and thawing business. It will be extremely important once we are finally switched over to individual systems. We have received a grant for a pump truck and are expected to have systems installed that will require regular pumping due to lot size restrictions. We are also aware of the expense to the home owner of having to hire a service from another town – an expense that some will not be able to afford.

### **Sewage lagoon**

I agree with clearing and expanding the sewage lagoon.

### **Alaska Housing Finance Corp. Partnership**

I am in favor of keeping this option open and laying groundwork, but until we are assured that the LNG Pipeline will be a reality I am opposed to making any firm commitment.

### **Gravel Pit Lease**

I am in favor of perusing this possibility if we can find a commitment that is truly financially favorable to Anderson.

### **Abandoned and Condemned Housing Initiative**

I am in favor of continuing this project.

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Dear City Of Anderson or To Whom It May Concern,

I'm of the understanding you would like for me to provide you with an assessment of my sewer line going from my house at 338 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the main line that runs down 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. I have limited knowledge or information on what is actually taking place and I'm not so sure the city workers have a good idea as well. However, I will provide my best assessment and theory as to what is causing us to freeze up on a fairly regular basis. I think the cause of the freeze-ups is because we suspect there is a dip in the line close to the main line where my dedicated house line connects to the main line. A second theory is the water from the main line is splashing up onto my dedicated house line and freezing at that connection point. I have had limited discussions with the city workers, but these are the theories we have surmised. Whenever they have come out to thaw us out, the blockage always seems to be at or very near the junction of the connection point. I have talked to other people around town about my situation and I was told to cover up my roof vents whenever I leave town for an extended period of time. By doing this, "warmer" air will not be allowed to cause a backdraft on my sewer line. That made perfect sense to me, however, I tried it but I still froze up. My final assessment would be to dig up the portion of line close to the main connection to see what is truly happening and/or send a scope down the line to see if a discovery can be made as to what is causing the freeze-ups. Or, we can simply accept the fact we will freeze up and keep doing the thaw routine until new septic systems are put in.

  
Allen F. Miller

Sincerely,

  
Erika E. Miller

Hi, I'm Kristy. I was hired as the DMV Clerk in October 2019. After training I started working in mid-November 2019. Over the years, the DMV & City has seen a lot of changes, COVID (2020) saw plexiglass barriers, cleaning/sanitizing more, and DMV did appointment only business. Many times that the DMV has been open through and other events. I have tried to improve the DMV experience and improve myself to make the DMV more profitable. I have taken classes so that I am trained and capable on all the transactions that may come through the DMV. Examples are CDL's, Driving Tests, Reconstructed Vehicles, and many more.

The Anderson DMV is a "Commissioned Agent" for the State. The DMV/City gets a percentage of all transactions. The State does not cover the costs or reimburse the City for internet, phone, utilities, supplies, or pays rent for operating the DMV at this location. The State only supplies the Pen Pad, Vision Tester, Camera, Camera Station Computer and Printer and DMV specific supplies (Titles, vehicle tabs, vehicle plates). All other equipment, desks, etc are supplied by the City.

The building has been here since I started working here. I'm not sure how old it is but was told it was a hand-me-down from Clear. The building has been deteriorating since with more leaks, maintenance and repair costs. One of the leaks is in the DMV Office. The cost of repairs is astronomical and to do repairs on another building, so that we could work from there, is about the same.

The DMV has been steadily decreasing in the number of customers that come, since 2020. If the DMV is becoming a burden on the City because it is not making a profit or balancing a net zero, then maybe the City should let another City take over operating the DMV there.

## TRANSACTIONS BY MONTH

MONTH	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
JAN	38	34	19	21	22	22	10
FEB	35	25	26	40	33	36	13
MAR	18	48	40	38	49	36	36
APR	1	49	50	41	44	66	
MAY	57	48	61	80	89	130	
JUNE	116	102	72	88	99	116	
JULY	63	108	57	46	63	106	
AUG	62	103	74	86	75	91	
SEPT	96	86	64	47	55	47	
OCT	46	39	64	49	41	49	
NOV	25	22	52	39	27	42	
DEC	35	23	29	40	18	21	
	49.3	57.3	50.7	51.3	51.3	63.5	

- COVID
- EXTENDED SUMMER HOURS & REAL ID
- EXTENDED VACATION

To the City of Anderson,

Today, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 I came into the Post Office at my scheduled time of 11:45am and found the floor in the lobby under the mailboxes to be visibly wet. Going behind the mailboxes, there was a consistent stream of water dripping out from a strip of old compound tape. There were 2 other holes in the ceiling that also had slow steady drips. There was a large amount of standing water on top of the mailboxes in the back, with a stream coming down and affecting the mail of 16 boxes. The flooring that lines the PO Boxes in the back was also visibly wet. This amount of water occurred overnight as it was not present the day before when I left at 3:15pm. I cleaned it up, put a bucket and a towel up there, but this is not a permanent solution. There is also water dripping onto my table in the middle of the workspace from an unknown source, I only discovered it as I was cleaning up my March end of month paper work and much of it was ruined with water that was not present the month prior.

This is just the start of break up and it will only get worse going into our warmer season. There is obvious damage to the roof in the Post Office and it is compromising the mail. The flooring in the Post Office has also been a consistent issue since I have began working here almost 2 years ago. The carpet and subfloor are in terrible condition.

In my opinion, this building should be gutted. If this water is dripping from the ceiling into the mailboxes, the roof is too far gone. We cannot know whether this water is damaging the structure in the ceiling, walls, flooring, etc. If this building is salvageable, there needs to be extreme repairs made as soon as possible. I am not a construction professional, but I do care about the ability to deliver the mail safely and I do care about the people of our community receiving their mail undamaged by preventable issues. The city neglected to properly maintenance this building for so long.

As someone who has worked in this building M-F every week for almost 2 years, I cannot understand the justification of salvaging it. Maybe pieces of it can come to a new location with us, but the entire building has no sanctity, especially if it is unsafe. An inspector has already stated that it should be condemned and the longer there are arguments over it, the longer it will take to safely transition our business to a safer location. I personally don't believe that people who do not consistently work in a facility that is crumbling around them should have a bigger voice than those of us that do. Kristy, Katie, Darcia, John, Duene, and I are the ones who work in the damage that exists and know the effects that this damage causes.

Do I know the exact correct move? Of course not, I'm just a Postal employee. But doing the same thing we've done for decades is not working and that is the definition of insanity. I would much rather see the city and it's council TRY something new, fail and say "at least we gave it a shot" than to see this building rot because we don't want to act.

Regards,

**Maria Redford** -- USPS Clerk Nenana Post Office: Clear & Anderson Stations.