

Angoon Activity Report

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General Information:

In March, Gina traveled to Angoon to meet with the council to discuss the direction of future RUBA activities and to meet with Gwen George, the Utility Clerk, and work on collections. At the council meeting, the council decided that it first wanted to send out a newsletter explaining the costs of running the water and sewer utilities. They wanted to include with the letter a payroll deduction form so that if the employer is willing, the employer can deduct the monthly utility payment from the employee's check and send it directly to the City. In addition, they also wanted to give the utility customers the option of assigning their Permanent Fund Dividend to the City to pay for utility services by including an assignment of rights form. Gina spent the rest of her afternoon in Angoon working with Gwen on articles for the newsletter. Gina asked Gwen to finish the articles and send them to her on a disk so that she could format the letter into a nice-looking newsletter.

Observations and Recommendations:

Finances — The finances appear to be in order.

Accounting Systems — The City is using Peachtree accounting software. They are still contracting with Theresa at Elgee, Rehfeld & Funk to produce financial reports. The mayor expressed some frustration with the lack of current financial information from the accounting firm.

Tax Problems — There are no apparent tax problems.

Personnel System — Employment is still steady.

Organizational Management — There appears to be no major changes in organization management this quarter.

Leadership/Governance — Mayor Floyd Kookesh was re-elected to the office of mayor by the city council. He is taking an active role in the day-to-day operation of the city government.

Operation of Utility — There appears to be no problems with the operation of the utility.

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Ranking

1 = Inadequate

4 = Adequate to meet minimum requirements

7 = Exceeds requirements

Category	1	4	7
Finances		X	
Accounting Systems			X
Tax Problems			X
Personnel System		X	
Organizational Management		X	
Leadership/Governance		X	
Operation of Utility			X

Anticipated Activity:

The newsletter articles are due to Gina by the end of May, and the target date for mailing out the newsletter is the beginning of June. In addition, the City expects to send 2-3 city employees to the Personnel Management Workshop scheduled for the week of April 30 – May 4 in Juneau.