

Angoon Activity Report

Community Overview

Lead RUBA Staff: Gina Shirey, Juneau Office

2000 Census Population: 572

Region: Southeast

Local Governments: Second Class City



The City of Angoon operates the water and sewer system. The City Council is the policy making body for the utility.

The Tillinghast Lake reservoir provides water, which is treated and piped throughout the community. Funds have been provided to study a water source at Favorite Bay Creek. The community would like to develop 3 miles of waterline to the new Tillinghast Lake Water Treatment Plant. Angoon has also requested funds for a 500,000-gallon water tank at the plant. Angoon has had a piped system since 1977, and over 95% of homes have complete plumbing. Piped sewage is processed at a secondary treatment plant which flows to an ocean outfall. The sewage treatment plant is undergoing renovations. The City collects refuse and hauls it to the landfill, located approximately two miles from Angoon. The Tlingit-Haida Regional Electric Authority, a non-profit subdivision of the State, operates three diesel-fueled generators in Angoon.

General Information

City Staff attended two utility management workshops sponsored by SEARHC and the RUBA program. The first workshop was Personnel Management and held in Juneau April 30- May 4. City Clerk Francine Willis and Bookkeeper Clarice Frank attended this training session. The second workshop was a computer workshop held in Ketchikan June 25-29. Bookkeeper Clarice Frank and Utility Clerk Gwen George attended this workshop.

The Juneau office is still working with the City on putting together a utility newsletter. No news articles have been submitted to the Juneau office. The mayor indicated that he wanted to wait until the end of the fiscal year so that any financial information included in the newsletter would be through the end of the fiscal year.

Observations and Recommendations

Finances — The finances appear to be in order. The budget for FY02 was passed July 17th. The City recently realized it hadn't had an audit of its records for FY00. They contracted with Mikunda Cottrell to complete an audit for FY00. The City will not receive its State Revenue Sharing check until the FY00 audit is submitted to DCED.

Accounting Systems — The City is using Peachtree accounting software. They are still contracting with Theresa at Elgee, Rehfeld & Funk to produce monthly financial reports. The system appears to be well run.

Tax Problems — There are no apparent tax problems.

Personnel System — There has been no staff turnover, or personnel issues.

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.

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 Juneau office anticipates publishing a newsletter in the next quarter. The mayor also expressed interest in having the in-house accounting staff prepare monthly financial reports.