

CITY NEWSLETTER

City of Gustavus
January 29, 2026



City Council Members

Sally McLaughlin—Mayor
Lucas Beck—Vice Mayor
Renee Patrick
Justin Marchbanks
Karen Hutton
Mike Taylor
James Kearns

City Hall Staff

City Administrator—Kathy Leary
City Treasurer—Ben Sadler
City Clerk—Liesl Barker

Department Hours

City Hall—Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm
907.697.2451

Library—
Monday 4p-7p
Tuesday- 9a-4p
Wednesday - Saturday 12p-4p
907.697.2350

DRC—*winter hours*
Tuesday, Thursday,
Saturday 11a-3p
907.697.2118

Community Chest—*winter hours*
Wednesday 11a-1p
Saturday 11a-2p
Drop of donations during any open hours.

GVFD—24/7 and only a phone call away (911)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council Work Session Meeting Monday February 2nd, 2026 at 6 pm.
Meeting Packet: MEET-Packet-17ce7a47cf4942cd958d43ba706ebb3f.pdf
Zoom Link: <https://tinyurl.com/4wu5udcw>
Zoom ID: 515 501 9406 **Zoom Passcode:** 9526 **Zoom Tel:** 253-215-8782

City Council General Meeting Monday February 9th, 2026 at 7 pm.

All are welcome to join in person at City Hall or via zoom. Agenda and packet information will be posted 5 days prior to the meeting.

Missed a meeting? View recordings of all meetings [here](#).

UPDATES

Was your property damaged during the winter storm? The city is gathering information about damages from the winter storm to help create a central repository. Reporting damages here is not a guarantee of assistance. For more information check out the form <https://airtable.com/appFPw2txjx3cFKcp/pagK2fKauBhB90Gjf/form>

Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Atlas Rollout & Webtool Planning Workshop - The NOAA Fisheries Alaska Regional Office invites you to attend the Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Atlas Rollout and Webtool Planning Workshop, as part of the [Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Area process](#). There will be three identical one-day workshops which will be hosted at Anchorage (3/9/26), Juneau (4/15/26), and Kodiak (4/17/26). Limited travel fund are available. For more information [Summary - Alaska Aquaculture Opportunity Atlas Rollout & Webtool Planning Workshop](#)

Heat Pump incentive information from AP&T - Great news that \$4k to \$8.5k per household is now available for installation of residential heat pumps in AP&T's SE Alaska service areas, thanks to the [ACES program](#) by SE Conference and Alaska Heat Smart. Every household is eligible for at least \$4k regardless of income! Please help inform others in your community of this news by sharing far and wide! Access to clean, affordable heat is more economically viable than ever before! **The waitlist is now open. Here is a link to the application:** <https://airtable.com/appqnRy3vQydpeAO7/pago2qH8YLKiSeeS5/form> Note that you will need to apply and receive approval through the ACES program before installation of your heat pump.

On a side-note, the State-administered [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program \(LIHEAP\)](#) is currently available to low-income households to help pay for the ongoing cost of electric heat. Plus, AP&T's customers get the benefit of the State's power cost equalization program, up to 750 kWh per month!

Info from the ACES Website: Learn more about incentive levels and community eligibility [here](#)!

Fiber-optics is coming to Alaska- to learn more checkout this article

<https://alaskabeacon.com/2025/12/05/planned-fiber-optic-cable-will-add-backup-for-alaskas-phone-and-high-speed-internet-network/>

Volunteer Opportunities:

Emergency Response planning volunteers wanted. The City of Gustavus is hoping to find individuals with prior experience in EMS/fire/police/military, safety, logistics, communications, planning, mapping, ICS, NIMS or has a passion for emergency and disaster preparedness and response to help Gustavus become more resilient through preparedness. If you are interested in helping, please contact the City Clerk, clerk@gustavus-ak.gov. For more information [click here](#).