

Austerman and Stevens Hear City's Project Wishlist

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Kodiak City Council members gave up a chunk of their Friday evening and sat down with Representative Alan Austerman and Senator Gary Stevens to review the city's capitol improvement projects list for the upcoming legislative session. This year the city narrowed its list to four items, with renovating the pump house in Monashka Bay as the number one priority. New E911 equipment was second, followed by phase three of Shelikof Street improvements and replacing a pumper truck at the fire station. In general, Kodiak's legislators seemed pleased with the city's list and offered a few tweaks and suggestions to better improve the different projects' odds for funding. Toward the end of the meeting Representative Austerman said state spending will definitely be a lot tighter this year, especially when it comes to the capitol budget.

The 2013 legislative session will begin on January 15 in Juneau.

In other city council news, members will meet with Kodiak Island Borough Assembly members tomorrow for a joint work session.

On the agenda for that meeting is a fisheries analyst report that will feature presentations from various local and state entities about proposed management of the groundfish trawl fishery and catch share management. Council and assembly members will also hear from Andy Schroeder, founder of Island Trails Network, about the stalled bike path project from Shelikof Street to Deadman's Curve. An update on the temporarily resolved bio solids issue will also be provided.

It was suggested when the borough assembly met with Kodiak's legislators last week that the city and borough work together to form one capitol improvement projects list. While it may be too close to the session do to that for 2013, the assembly and the council will discuss the idea for future years at tomorrow's work session.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in the borough assembly chambers.

