Fairbanks Power Outage Chills Staff

Here at TUNDRA TIMES in Beautiful Downtown. Fairbanks we're still shivering a bit after an electrical outage Sunday cut the power off for Fairbanks homes and businesses.

A fire at municipal utilities caused the equipment failure and for hours the utility system played "musical electric." They gave each area of town power for an hour at a time. Temperatures during the power shortage were a shivery 25 below.

In the ghostly early hours of the morning, Fairbanks' bright lights were shut down to conserve electricity. It was a dark and dismal morning.

In the TUNDRA TIMES office, editor Howard Rock and composer operator Diana Cartier sat by candlelight waiting for the power to return.

Mr. Rock was reportedly frozen out of his downtown apartment where it got chillier than it did in the chilly Chena Building.

All's well that ends well, however. Just as we were about to evacuate, the lights came back and Fairbanks returned to normal.