

**City Manager's Report.** In addition to a written report in the council packet, City Manager Janke noted Frank Irick no longer wished to own the Jesse Lee Home and the city now needs to consider continuing a foreclosure process to regain ownership of the property.

The administration is busy putting together bid packages in order to allow construction project bids to be let early for the summer capital construction projects.

Janke met with Spenard Builders Supply, and stated there are some legal concerns over possible tax restrictions on how the North Dock can be utilized since it was originally built with general obligation bonds.

Assistant City Manager Schrock updated the council concerning a pre-application meeting with the Division of Governmental Coordination on the North Forest Acres/Japanese Levee Project.

Janke added Mayor Bagley will be in Seward to tour AVTEC and to meet with the Mayor.

In response to a question from Shafer, Janke said there are opportunities for both the private sector and governments to apply for historic preservation grants. As far as the Jesse Lee Home is concerned though, Janke said an engineering report raised concerns about the structure of the building.

Also, in response to a second question from King, Janke stated the Chief of Police manages the animal control contract and Chief Chapman is reviewing a letter alleging poor performance with the animal control contractor.

**City Attorney's Report.** Meyen stated the law firm has worked on an ordinance amendment for an alcohol permit, several lease amendments, including renewal of the operations and maintenance of the Seward Marine Industrial Center shiplift, in addition, there is ongoing legal work concerning bond issues pertaining to the North Dock facility.

#### **Other Reports, Announcements and Presentations.**

**Port and Commerce Advisory Board President Ron Long** gave the annual update. In addition to the report outlining board activities in the last six months, Long welcomed new board members Ron Wille and Melody Jordan.

**Kelly Martin** gave an update on the **Seward Highway Corridor Partnership Plan Board**. Martin noted the City of Seward is just one of numerous entities involved with the All American Road application and Scenic Byway designation. Martin said there were only 53 National Scenic Byways, with the Seward Highway as one of them, and only nine All America Road designations.

#### **Citizens' comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing and items other than those appearing on the agenda.**

**Jim Collman**, 609 Fourth Avenue, Seward. Collman, as representative of the Seward Boat Owners Association, spoke favorably of the Port and Commerce Advisory Board. On another topic, Collman reported on articles concerning development of the shiplift in Ketchikan and how well the Ketchikan shipyard is doing, which is in contrast to a time when the Ketchikan shipyard was hurting financially.

**Kelly Martin**, Second Avenue, encouraged the council to preserve the Jesse Lee Home and spoke against it ever destroying this Alaska historic landmark.