

needed to prevent further deterioration. Hyer stated the time to save the building was now, and the rough estimate to repair it was 8.5 million.

**Auditor's Report on the FY 2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by Mikunda, Cottrell and Co., presented by Michelle Drew.** The opinion was the City complied with all rules and had a good year financially.

**Citizens' comments on any item not scheduled for public hearing. - None**

**Approval of agenda and consent agenda**

**Motion (Dunham/Branson) Approve the agenda and consent agenda**

**Council added a discussion topic on the Patriot Act.**

**Motion Passed Unanimous**

The Clerk read the following approved consent agenda items:

**Approval of the April 14, April 28, and May 12, 2003 regular city council meeting minutes.**

**Public Hearings –**

**Other Public Hearing items**

**Resolution 2003-53, in support of the residential development alternatives as presented in the Jesse Lee Home Historic Structure Report, prepared by the Jesse Lee Home Advisory Board and ECI/Hyer.** Notice of the public hearing being posted and published as required by law was noted and the public hearing was opened.

**Doug Capra, 212 Resurrection Blvd**, spoke in support of refurbishing the Jesse Lee Home. He stated the next step would be to lobby in Juneau for sponsors, and felt it had a good chance and was worth fighting for. He admitted there had not been a lot of input from community members in the area, but requested passage. Capra also thanked the people who had worked hard on this project and urged Council to support this resolution.

**Motion (Shafer/Branson) Approve Resolution 2003-53**

**Acting City Manager, Kristin Erchinger** stated this resolution presented alternative uses for the Jesse Lee Home. It listed senior housing as the most preferred alternative, but allowed for changes by the legislature.

**City Planner Malcolm Brown**, stated the Department of Natural Resources would receive the structure report to forward to the legislature, and hoped the next step would be working towards stabilization of the building.

**Rules were suspended to allow ECI/Hyer to answer questions.**

Terry Hyer stated they left the uses in the structure report as open ended as possible, to fit different programs, find supporters, and be flexible for whatever uses and proposals were brought forward.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**Unfinished business - None**

**New Business**

**Resolution 2003-54, approving the City Manager's appointment of Thomas Clemons as Chief of Police.**

**Motion (Dunham/Branson)**

**Approve Resolution 2003-54**

Erchinger stated a new chief of police had been hired. She expressed the City had excellent candidates for this position. After the hiring committee narrowed the list down to three candidates, they conducted telephonic interviews and face-to-face interviews with all three. Erchinger explained Mr. Clemons had excellent references and came highly recommended. He had 30 years of law enforcement experience within the State of Alaska. Twenty years of which were with the Alaska State Troopers, and six years as Chief of Police in both Sand Point and Wrangell. Erchinger felt confident Mr. Clemons would be a good fit for the community and stressed his commitment towards youth, projects, and bringing the community closer together.

Orr, Amberg and Valdatta felt as a courtesy, Council should have been introduced to the candidates prior to hire.

**Motion Passed**

**Yes: Dunham, Branson, Shafer, Valdatta  
Clark**

**Abstain: Orr, Amberg**

*(Voluntary abstentions-passed as if unanimous)*

**Resolution 2003-55, appropriating \$10,000 from the general fund fund balance designated for insurance reserves to the street department to fund the insurance deductible on a claim.**

**Motion (Shafer/Amberg)**

**Approve Resolution 2003-55**

**Assistant City Manager Rick Gifford**, stated on July 4th a culvert was covered up by grass and a foot went into the hole. A claim was filed and turned over to the City insurance company, and had finally been settled for \$17,000. Gifford needed Council to appropriate the \$10,000 deductible.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**Council took a 10 minute recess at 9:00 pm.**