

The following was added to the agenda:

Discuss the multi-agency conference center.

Schedule a work session to talk about general city business license issues.

Motion passed

Unanimous

The clerk read the following approved consent agenda items:

The May 24, 2004 regular city council meeting minutes were approved.

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

Council resumed at 9:10 pm

Public hearings - None

Unfinished business - None

New business

Resolution 2004-75, approving Historic Preservation Commission Priorities.

Shealy stated this resolution identified public outreach, historic structures and sites, and historic preservation plans. He hoped establishing these priorities would consolidate staff time.

Motion (Dunham/Clark)

Approve Resolution 2004-75

Branson thought the Commission did a great job but did not think their minutes should be recorded. She stated the staff time and paper used to prepare the packets were substantial, and suggested a commission member could take over that task to minimize the impact on staff.

Anderson thought what they had done was wonderful, but had to agree with Council member Branson. She thought it was throwing good money over bad on the Jesse Lee Home and felt that it would be more viable to tear it down and start over.

Clark informed that staff did not have time to put together the Comprehensive Plan, but yet were being used heavily for historical issues.

City Planner Malcolm Brown described their primary duties and stated they were trying to get federal funding for the Jesse Lee Home.

Shafer thought possibly a grant writer could be contracted out to pull some of the work away from staff, and requested that any resolution come to council well in advance for the next "Blast from the Past" event.

Dunham was in favor and supported the preservation of Seward's history but also was concerned about staff time. He thought the commission could seek a VISTA employee to help with staffing issues.

Motion (Branson/Anderson)

Postpone to the July 26 council meeting to narrow the focus.

Motion passed

Unanimous

Resolution 2004-76, authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Metalcraft Marine, Inc. to construct a fire/rescue/security vessel for an amount not to exceed \$244,761.

Shealy informed the fire rescue vessel was submitted as a legislative priority last year and the City had been awarded \$257,000 this year for that vessel. With administrative fees, a balance of over \$244,000 was left to purchase the vessel. Two proposals from the RFP's met the minimum qualifications. He recommended the vessel purchase contract be awarded to Metalcraft Marine Inc.

Motion (Dunham/Amberg)

Approve Resolution 2004-76

Fire Chief David Squires stated the contract price was in U.S. dollars, and he foresaw all certified city personnel would operate the vessel. Jurisdiction would be to the head of the bay. Towing operations or capabilities would stay with the harbor personnel. This boat was not big enough to tow much. After the contract was signed, this vessel would be expected to arrive in time to be a Christmas present.

In response to questions by Clark, Squires reported he had sought aid from harbor personnel, the coast guard auxiliary, and other fire departments in deciding what qualifications were needed.

Squires wanted to bring to council's attention the fiscal note that this vessel was not in the motor pool fund. He made an omission and did not plan for money to be set aside for that. \$12,300 was the estimated annual operating budget. Squires expected to be under budget on that. \$21,500 would have to be added to the annual budget to replace this vessel after 15 years. He stressed that the Fire Department had a long history of maintaining their equipment and hoped to fund a replacement in the motor pool fund.

Motion passed

Unanimous

Other New Business Items