

Janke will be in Juneau Wednesday and Thursday, January 26 and 27, to testify before the State House Transportation Committee in support of amending the state marine fuel tax and concerning Alaska Vocational Technical Center funding.

Assistant City Manager Tylan Schrock will attend the Alaska SeaLife Center board meeting in Anchorage on January 26.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor Bagley visited Seward on January 14 and 15, and the City Administration reviewed issues that are of interest to Seward and the Kenai Peninsula Borough, particularly the marine fuel tax and municipal revenue sharing. Bagley toured the Alaska Vocational Technical Center with both Janke and Blatchford.

Janke updated the council on the Jesse Lee Home by stating the City Administration was still developing all of the legal options available to the council, and the fiscal implications of each option.

City Attorney's Report. None.

Other Reports, Announcements and Presentations. Dennis Lodge, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC), updated the council on recent issues of concern to the PWSRCAC. Lodge reviewed the PWSRCAC events during the past year. Lodge, the City's representative to the board the last seven years, spoke about the proposed British Petroleum/Atlantic Richfield (BP/ARCO) merger and how it was creating some worry amongst members of the PWSRCAC.

Lodge reminded the Council that Seward was the first downstream community outside of Prince William Sound to be impacted by the 1989 oil spill, and the City was still in the same position today.

Lodge requested the Council send a letter urging BP-ARCO to withdraw their appeal concerning ADEC's November 2, 1999, decision, regarding Conditions of Approval for Prince William Sound Tanker Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plans.

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

Jennifer Roy, Box 2934, Seward, although a new employee to the Animal Shelter, Roy said she has had a lifelong background of caring for animals. Roy challenged the community to address issues of animal control, stating the City of Seward is behind the times. Roy distributed an article on animal control and encouraged the Council to read it and to commit to working positively as a community to addressing animal control issues.

Dee Johnson-Hilbert, Wasilla, animal control contractor, expressed concern over allegations she had been inhumane to animals. Although the city law states animals should be put to sleep after five days, Johnson said she often took care of animals beyond this point. Numerous cats, and other animals, have been taken around town with a hope of finding a permanent home. Johnson invited council members to visit the animal shelter.

Approval of agenda and consent agenda

Motion (Calhoon/Clark)

Approve the agenda and consent agenda.