

CALL TO ORDER

The July 11, 2011 regular meeting of the Seward City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Willard E. Dunham.

OPENING CEREMONY

Lieutenant Butch Tiner led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Willard E. Dunham presiding and
Jean Bardarson
Bob Valdatta
Tom Smith

Marianna Keil
Vanta Shafer
Ristine Casagrande

comprising a quorum of the Council; and

Phillip Oates, City Manager
Cheryl Brooking, City Attorney
Johanna Kinney, City Clerk

Absent – None

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Christy Terry spoke on the request to purchase the Jesse Lee Home. She could not find in any legislative history that council had made any agreement the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home alluded to. She supported the project, but there should be some kind of trade agreement in place, rather than an offer to purchase it for a dollar. Terry was worried about the potential partners and she was concerned with the school districts not being represented and council should encourage this partnership to include the school system. She glanced over the water storage tank project and encouraged council to take a look at land the city already owned and not purchasing private land.

Hilda Lespron of the Seward Arts Council, thanked council for everything they had done for the Seward Arts Council. The new mural was beautiful and she thanked the council for supporting this. Lespron shared an invitation for the Chautauqua Group, who was a vaudeville show coming to Seward on August 9, 2011. There would be a parade and workshops and she wanted to extend the invitation to the Council Members.

Emily Gustafson spoke in support of the Scheffler Creek Bridge project. It was exciting to see another avenue to provide access to the waterfront.