
Call to order

The March 19, 2001, special meeting of the Seward City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Edgar Blatchford.

Opening ceremony

Council Member Brossow led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Roll call

There were present:

Edgar Blatchford presiding, and	
David Brossow	Michael Calhoon
Stu Clark	Jerry King
Nathan Orr (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)	Vanta Shafer

comprising a quorum of the Council; and

Scott Janke, City Manager
Brad Meyen, City Attorney (appeared telephonically)
Patrick Reilly, City Clerk

Absent were:

None.

Clark read a letter from Ron Newcome, Social Worker III, of the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. The letter praised Seward Police Officer Valadez for her prompt, sensitive, and collegial efforts in assisting a 17 year old physically abused female on March 13 at the Seward Jr/Sr High School. Newcome noted that all of the City Police Officers, particularly Lt. Bleth, Sgt. Tiner and Officer Jones, have been very response and cooperative with child protection efforts. The letter also highlighted the police dispatchers vital 24 hour link for the various agencies and support to the Department of Health and Social Services.

Citizens' comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing

Tryck Nyman Hayes Resident Engineer John Daley updated the Council on the arrival of the Small Boat Harbor barge materials. Daley noted that three of the cement floats were damaged on the barge that traveled from Seattle to Seward and would need to be replaced. There were a few other damaged floats that will need to be repaired, but that work can be completed in Seward. It was believed that the replaced floats will not arrive in Seward until the third week in April, but this

should not delay the project. Through the use of photographs of the damaged floats, Daley described the damage to the floats and how the construction will proceed until the replacement floats arrive.

Approval of special meeting agenda

Motion (Clark/Brossow)

Approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion Passed.

Unanimous.

New business

Motion (Clark/Brossow)

Approve Resolution 2001-040, completing the foreclosure process and obtaining a Clerk's Deed for the Jesse Lee Home property which includes Lots 15A and 15B, Jesse Lee Heights Subdivision Addition Number 4, and appropriating \$50,000 to secure the property.

(City Attorney Brad Meyen attended telephonically at this time.)

Administrative Services Director Rick Gifford explained the history of the Jesse Lee property from the time it was owned by Frank Irick until the present. If the Council directed the Administration to complete the foreclosure, there would be a need to safely secure the property. This may require cutting a clear brush zone, boarding up windows, and possibly installing a fence.

King explained that the City may end up in an awkward position of not having enough resources to restore the building, and not having enough political will to demolish the building.

In response to a question from Clark, Janke stated that the bill in the State Legislature to help the City with the Jesse Lee property was introduced by Representative Ken Lancaster. He stated that although the bill had not yet had any hearings on it, Janke understood that the bill had been gaining support in the hallways of Juneau.

Clark wondered whether or not it was advantageous for the City to approve the resolution. In response, Janke explained that the City would have legal access to the property to secure it and to do more in-depth analysis of the property if the City actually owned the property.

Meyen explained that it was possible for the KPB to similarly decide not to take the property in a foreclosure and it could then sit in limbo.

Shafer stated that she felt uncomfortable leaving the property in limbo. If someone took ownership, such as the City, then the property was less likely to be a hazard to our community.

Gifford explained that even if the City does not own the property, there was a possibility that the City could still be liable for injuries. Meyen added that the City would still have police power duties to protect the property and abate any nuisance.

Motion passed

Yes: Blatchford, Brossow, Clark, Orr, Shafer
No: Calhoon, King

Council comments
Citizens' comments

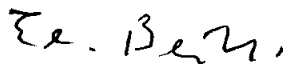
Council and administrative response to citizens' comments

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m..



Patrick Reilly
City Clerk



Edgar Blatchford
Mayor

(City Seal)



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Citizens' comments on agenda items not scheduled for public hearing. None.

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Motion (Brossow/Shafer)

Approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion Passed.

New business

Motion (Clark/Shafer)

Approve Resolution 2001-042, supporting Senate Bill 142, giving notice and approving a lease-purchase agreement with the City of Seward for the Construction of an addition to the Spring Creek Correctional Center.

Janke explained that Senate Bill 142 was introduced last week in the Senate and that there was a hearing on this bill this week. Janke thought it would be good to take a position on this bill at this time. Janke suggested two technical **amendments** to the Resolution, and without council objection, these amendments were made. Janke explained that the current legislative priority list did