

Councilmember Joe Wheeler gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futcher and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of 6/19 – Regular Meeting and the Special Meeting of 6/26/07,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Presentation – Mark Plotkin – Awesome Brochure

Mark Plotkin, Director of the Cowlitz County Tourism Bureau, 105 Minor Road presented the new 'Mount St. Helens & Cowlitz County, Washington – It's More Than a Day!' Brochure. Doug Wakefield from Vantage Media, Inc. is responsible for the printing. Mark wanted to thank Kelso for their participation in the brochure. It was noted that these brochures have been placed in 2000 locations. Tourism is a valuable industry for Cowlitz County. The City of Kelso contributed \$10,000 in 2007. They will be back for monies in the 2008 budget.

Motion Items:

Ordinance No 07-3649 – Adopting the 2006 International Building Codes (IBC) The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3649, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3572, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 15.03 TO ADOPT THE 2006 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Award HDR Engineering Contract Amendment for Construction Management Services – Kelso Longview Regional - Airport Project: Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the amended construction management agreement with HDR contingent on the actual funding grant and contract approval being provided by FAA (not expected to exceed \$100,000),' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Authorization of Expenditures Within Current Professional Service Contract for Engineering Plan Review and Planning Services – Wallis Engineering – Vancouver, Washington: Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Authorize the expenditures within the current Professional Services Contract for Engineering Plan Review and Planning Services - \$19,978.00,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Award Bid for Tam O'Shanter Park Parking Lot A Drainage Improvements Plus Concrete Work: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Award the bid for Tam O'Shanter Park Parking Lot

Drainage Improvements to Ostrander Rock in the amount of \$165,478.47, and in addition the additional concrete work in Section 2 bringing the total to \$201,811.06 – these additional monies will be coming from the General Fund Reserves (approximately \$80,000),’ motion carried, all voting Yes.

Ordinance 1st Reading – Repealing the Current Franchise Agreement of

U. S. Sprint: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass on 1st Reading, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPEALING SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NO. 87-3080, WHICH SECTION IMPOSED FRANCHISE FEES TO U.S. SPRINT, AND FURTHER EXTENDING THE CURRENT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS,’ motion carried, all voting Yes.

Proposed Property Sale – South River Road: Acting City Manager Brachvogel brought to the City Council a proposal from Todd Nicholson, Nicholson Enterprises, N.W. LLC requesting an extension to close on the South River Road property. The purchaser has requested an extension of the sale to December 31, 2007. He also requested the ability to pay half now - \$550,000 and the remaining balance at an undetermined time.

The consensus of the City Council was that Acting Manager Brachvogel goes back to the proposed buyer and tells him that we are not interested in this proposal.

Sharon Zimmerman, City Engineer was present and gave the Council a brief update on the **WSDOT Project** going on through September, 2007. The project is starting on Ocean Beach Highway in Longview and working this way. We are expecting noise and traffic delays. Updates can be seen on the City of Kelso website through a link to WSDOT.

STAFF REPORTS:

Acting City Manager Brachvogel: 1) Met with Downtown Revitalization people last week. There were a lot of great ideas. Lots of enthusiasm. 2) Have contacted Prothman and Waldron regarding a City Manager Replacement. They will be helping us through the process. 3) Looking for consistency with Building Codes, Zoning and Public Works Ordinances. Tracking Systems and a Hearing Examiner were discussed. Streamlining the development process is high on everyone’s list. Council felt that we were moving in a positive direction.

David Sypher: Gave an update regarding various projects around town such as the preparation for the upcoming overlay which will be completed in late August by Lakeside Industries; the Spray Park is being used at Catlin; Cross Walks are being painted throughout town. I want to thank the Crews – they are doing a great job.

Vern Thompson: A brief update was given about what the Police Department is doing. Congratulated Sgt. Khembar Yund on his Bachelor of Science Degree.

Paul Brachvogel: Plan on hiring an attorney to deal with Municipal Court – reducing my load. The City will contract with him. I will control what goes to trial and let you know the final proposal.

Veryl Anderson: The State Auditors have completed their 2006 on site audit. The exit audit should be within the next couple of weeks. Councilmember Futcher, Karnofski and Chester will represent the City Council at the exit.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: Felt that Letter to the Editor regarding City Manager Robinson and blaming him for logging behind Aldercrest was inappropriate. This property was in the County when they logged it. Kelso had nothing to do with it.

Joe Wheeler: Happy 4th of July.

John Karnofski: No report.

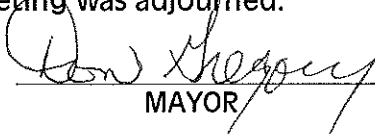
David Futcher: No report.

Ken Spain - CTED: Ken Spain was present in the audience. He was under the impression that there was a Public Hearing regarding a "**Float Loan Project**" for Dale and Deanna Lemmons. It was explained to Mr. Spain that due to the sudden resignation of City Manager Robinson we were unaware. Acting City Manager Brachvogel will contact him and discuss the program.

At 8:45 P.M. the Council recessed into Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Transaction and possible litigation.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session at approximately 10:33 P.M. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, the meeting was adjourned.


MAYOR


CLERK