

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 22, 2008**  
**KELSO CITY HALL**

**TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance and 2009-2010 Budget**

Mayor Futcher opened the special meeting. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Malella, Roberson, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, and Karnofski.

City Department Heads present: City Manager Paul Brachvogel, Public Works Director David Sypher, Community Development Director Michael Kerins, Chief of Police Wayne Nelson, and Finance Director Brian Butterfield.

**Ordinance No. 08-3687 – Directing the Sale of Certain Real Property:** The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO DIRECTING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 511 AND 519 S. PACIFIC, KELSO, WASHINGTON.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, Slater, Roberson, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel and Malella voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

**2009-2010 Budget Workshop**

**Cindy Donaldson**, Kelso Library employee, read a statement concerning library statistics prepared by Library Director Geraldine de Rooy, who was unable to attend the budget workshop. Council discussion followed.

The following individuals spoke from the audience on behalf of the Kelso Library:

**Glenn Hartwell**  
**David Harris**  
**Jack Koelker**

**Mayor David Futcher:** Meetings with City Manager Paul Brachvogel and Finance Director Brian Butterfield concerning the budget, reflect that the City doesn’t have too many options. The following modifications were made to balance the proposed preliminary budget as originally presented to the City Manager:

- One position in the Library was eliminated
- Three positions vacant due to retirements/resignations will not be filled
- Elimination and appropriation of Bridge Maintenance fund
- Postpone contributions to Equipment Reserve fund 2009/2010
- Overlay program cutbacks to \$105,000 in 2009 and \$60,000 in 2010
- Eliminated or drastically cut-back part-time help in Engineering, Library, and Community Development
- Appropriations for professional engineering services were cut-back
- Appropriations for professional planning services were eliminated

- Reduced expenditures for library resources (books, videos, etc.)
- General Fund Reserves from property sales will be transferred to a sinking fund and designated for the future debt service of the City Hall G.O. Bond.
- City will levy all previously banked levy capacity.
- Decreased 2010 appropriation for jail.
- 2010 sales tax revenue forecast was increased by \$150,000. (Will need to re-evaluate next fall)

**City Manager Paul Brachvogel:** Originally, the budget reflected the plan to promote one police captain to the Chief of Police position and do away with that captain position; however, this is currently not an option because we have decided to honor the request from the police guild to delay the Chief of Police appointment until after a permanent city manager is hired. There will be large cuts in the Public Works Department including the overlay projects. Instead of filling the City Attorney position, outside services will be used. Cuts will be made at the library, including the lay-off of one full-time employee. Training and travel budgets will also receive cuts.

Lengthy discussion followed. The consensus of the Council was to approve the proposed preliminary budget as presented with one exception and directed staff to add back the police captain position.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



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**MAYOR**



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**CITY CLERK**