

Pastor Jerry Dahlke, North Gate City Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Fatcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Fatcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Fatcher, Karnofski, Slater, Myers, Wheeler, and Roberson. Councilmember McDaniel was absent the entire meeting.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/18/08 Regular Meeting.' Councilmember Wheeler stated he would like to amend the minutes because he announced the incorrect date for his Town Hall meeting during his report. The correct date is Monday, April 14, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. It was the consensus of the Council to amend the minutes per Councilmember Wheeler's request. Motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Fatcher read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 14, 2008, through April 20, 2008, as **City Cleanup Week** in the City of Kelso and declaring April 19, 2008, as **Earth Day**.

Mayor Fatcher read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 13, 2008, through April 19, 2008, as **National Library Week** in the City of Kelso. Library Director Geraldine de Rooy accepted the proclamation and invited all citizens to a special family program including food, crafts, music, and stories at the Kelso Library on Tuesday, April 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

Van McKay, Senior Engineer: Public Works Director David Sypher introduced Van, who was hired about three months ago as the City's storm water engineer. Van, a professional engineer coming from the Vancouver area, received the "Young Engineer of the Year Award" in 2000. Van said the main types of projects he has worked on are rock quarries, industrial sites, industrial storm water issues, and designing landfills. Discussion followed.

Kelso-Longview Airport Master Plan Update: Public Works Director David Sypher gave a presentation of the Airport Master Plan Update. The consultant selection committee has chosen to work with a company called URS and David anticipates a contract will be presented at the May 6th Council Meeting. Discussion followed.

Kelso-Longview Regional Airport Hangar Construction: Public Works Director David Sypher spoke about the airport hangar construction. He said there is a need for three T-hangers and a corporate hangar. Currently there is a waiting list for 35 hangars. The City was successful in obtaining a \$50,000.00 infrastructure grant from the county for the hangar project. Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License Renewals: 1) American Legion, 2) Azteca-Kelso, 3) Kelso Bridge Market, 4) Ol Tima', 5) Maltese Bar and Grill, 6) B.P.O. Elks Kelso Lodge #1482

Liquor License Assumption: Patricia S. Hamm/Susan D. Wright-dba Last Chance Tavern

Liquor License Application: El Tucan

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the American Legion and El Tucan,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Firework Permits:

Kelso Recreation Council (2 Stands)

Kelso Kiwanis (1 Stand)

Calvary Community Church (2 Stands)

City Manager Paul Brachvogel said he has been checking the WAC, RCW, and the City's code. The question that has been presented is whether this Council can authorize a permit that authorizes more than one physical stand. Discussion followed.

The following people spoke from the audience:

Edward Rinck, 16311 NE 33rd St., Vancouver, WA, spoke on behalf of the Calvary Community Church concerning their application for fireworks stands.

Terri J. Lappe, 2934 Premier Place, Longview, President of the Kelso Kiwanis, spoke about their fireworks stand application and how the profits from their sales are used to benefit youth programs in Kelso.

Larry Hembree, 1511 Tara St., Kelso, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Recreation Council concerning their application for fireworks stands and how the profits from these fireworks sales are used to benefit local citizens.

Kathleen Johnson, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Kiwanis concerning their fireworks fundraiser and the benefits to local citizens.

Carolyn Gower, of American Promotional Events, works with the clubs and organizations that sell fireworks. She spoke about the state law and our City ordinance and how our community has benefited from the proceeds obtained by the Kelso Recreation Council and the Kelso Kiwanis stands.

Council discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass the fireworks permits for the Kelso Recreation Council (2 stands) and the Kelso Kiwanis (1) stand. Further discussion followed. Councilmembers Slater, Wheeler, Roberson, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmembers Myers and Karnofski voted no. Motion passed 4 to 2.

MOTION ITEMS:

Airport Hangar Rate Increase: Public Works Director Sypher said the Airport Board reconsidered the hangar rate increase proposal and it was a unanimous consensus of the Airport Board to bring their original recommendation back to Council for action.

Kathleen Johnson, Chairman of the Airport Board, said it is important to be competitive and keep up the maintenance. The hangar owners and pilots are not objecting to the rate increase.

Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the rate increase as recommended by the Airport Board,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Amending Ordinance No. 3575 Regarding Nuisance

Abatement: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3575, CODIFIED AS KMC 8.24.430, REGARDING NUISANCE ABATEMENT.' City Manager Brachvogel said one of the benefits of this ordinance is that it will allow the City to move faster on burned-out buildings. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Amending Ordinance No. 208, Regarding Signposting

Specifications: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 208, CODIFIED AS KMC 15.16.030, REGARDING SIGNPOSTING SPECIFICATIONS.' Discussion followed about the height of the street number signs. Councilmember Wheeler amended his motion and Councilmember Karnofski amended the second to include the words "at least" in Section 15.16.030 between the words "shall be" and "three inches." Further discussion followed and the motion was amended again to include the words "at least three inches and less than twelve inches in height." Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Establishing a Reserve Officer Board of Trustees:

Stricken from the Agenda.

Agreement, NPDES Permit Telephone Survey: Public Works Director Sypher gave an explanation of the agreement. The NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit for the City of Kelso requires public education and outreach. Mayor Fitcher said the City of Longview, City of Kelso, Clark County, and the Consolidated Diking Improvement District No. 1 will share in the cost of the telephone survey. Kelso's share of the survey is \$8,589. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorize the City Manager to Sign Purchase Order for Cab and Chassis with a 3-4 Yard Dump Box: Public Works Director Sypher said \$60,000 was budgeted for the purchase of the dump truck. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign a purchase order for a 2008 Ford F450XL Cab and Chassis and a 3-4 yard dump box in the amount of \$37,580.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Adoption of the Accident Prevention Program: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler. 'Adopt the Accident Prevention Program.' City Manager Brachvogel stated Labor and Industries required the City to update its policies and procedures pertaining to a Safety/Accident Prevention Plan, and D.J. Witmer drew up this draft. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) Mrs. Pervis, who is the daughter of the gentleman who placed the Kelso "K" on the hill, would like to thank Councilmembers for all your work. 2) Asked Council if they would like to have another off-site meeting to discuss some major objectives. It was the consensus of the Council to have Paul set a date. 3) Next week, Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris will present a slide show to allow Councilmembers to see the efforts that have taken place in regards to nuisance abatement. 4) Representatives from Destination Development will present their assessment of how they view Kelso at a special meeting on Tuesday, April 22, beginning at 6:00 p.m. 5) An executive session is needed to discuss the purchase of two pieces of property and a personnel issue. 6) The final resolution concerning the Aldercrest Board, including the names of the members, will be presented at the next Council meeting. 7) In the next few weeks we will be sending out for RFP official responses for the Yew Street Grant, the West Main realignment, and the Allen Street crossing. 8) A presentation of the HOME Program will be given at the April 15th Council Meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) Remember to check out the website to see the status of various projects. 2) A second meeting to present the Kelso Engineering Design Manual will be held Wednesday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Mike Kerins: 1) The River Bend Place project has been stalled due to a diking easement issue. 2) Spoke about a development known as F. H. Sullivan, a conversion of the Skateland property to a cabinet shop. They have concerns about frontage improvement requirements.

Geraldine de Rooy: I want to remind the public again to celebrate National Library Week at the Kelso Library on Tuesday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

Verne Thompson: No report

Brian Butterfield: We are in the early stages of refinancing a 1998 Revenue Bond that has ten years left on it. We will save about \$50,000 in interest.

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: No report

Rick Roberson: No report

Joe Wheeler: 1) I am excited to hear about the projects Mike Kerins spoke of in his report. 2) My East Kelso Town Hall Meeting will be Monday, April 14th, here in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Dan Myers: I finished reading the book called *Measuring Up* which gives good information on how to make good evaluations. I encourage Councilmembers to check out the book.

Alan Slater: Spoke about the Cowlitz Tribe wanting to contribute \$200,000 to Cottonwood Island for the white-tail deer refuge. The property owners pay into the Port of Longview, which is one of the ports that purchased Cottonwood Island. This is an ideal industrial base and we don't want to lose that to become a game refuge.

David Futcher: 1) I spent the weekend in Mississippi, my old stomping grounds. It was interesting to see all the changes and I especially noticed many trees had been blown down. 2) I would like to compliment Amy Fischer of the Daily News for her assiduousness this evening.

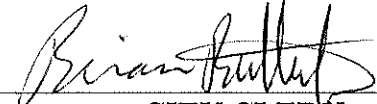
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. to discuss potential property purchases and a personnel issue regarding qualifications. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

Upon motion by Mayor Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.



MAYOR



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