

Pastor Scott Olin, New Hope City Church, gave the invocation. Mayor 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, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futcher, and Karnofski. Councilmember Slater was absent the entire meeting.

**Minutes:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/3/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Gregory commented on the tragedy this week at Virginia Tech and suggested the City follow the other businesses in the area by lowering the flag to half staff.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:**

**Jeremy Hooper:** Jeremy stated he received a \$1,000 private donation for the skate park. He suggested the City donate \$20,000 and forget about paying a person to apply for grants. He is confident the money can be raised and wants to use many volunteers to do the work. City Manager Robinson said when City money is being used, the State requires us to do a prevailing wage and it is necessary to go out for bid. Some volunteers can be used but they have to work with the contractors. Council discussion followed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Liquor License Renewals:** 1) Red Lobster, 203 Three Rivers Drive; 2) Hilander Bowl, Inc., 200 Kelso Drive; 3) Cliff's Hilltop Market, Inc., 604 Burcham

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,644,035.62

Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts for \$1,644,035.62,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Elizabeth Johnson, Mothers of Military Support,** stated she was asked by Three Rivers Mall to put up a tribute wall inside the mall. The tribute, called "**The Bell of Remembrance,**" represents the ten wars of America. Elizabeth asked Mayor Gregory to dedicate the memorial to the City of Kelso on Memorial Day. Elizabeth also spoke about the **Kelso Fly-in** which will be August 3, 4, & 5.

**COWLITZ 2 FIRE & RESCUE:**

Alan Headly presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007 report. The Lexington area growth was discussed, as additional staffing will be needed in the near future. Mayor Gregory reminded everyone to make sure they have working smoke alarms.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Allocate 2007 Home Funding:**

**Julie Hourcle, City of Longview Community Development**, gave a presentation of the Kelso HOME Investment Partnership Program project design proposals for low and moderate-income housing projects.

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m.

**Chris Pegg, Executive Director Longview Housing Authority**, spoke about the Phoenix House which is a 20-unit transitional housing project for post-partum women and their children who are enrolled in or have completed a Washington State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program.

**Dan Freedman, a Consultant from Common Ground**, gave a brief summary of the 3 million dollar Phoenix House project he has been hired to work on.

**Gus Nolte, Director of the Drug Abuse Prevention Center**, spoke about the epidemic of babies being born in our community with drugs in their system and the need for a facility such as the Phoenix House to rehabilitate the family.

**Billie Elliott and Bren Thomas**, recovering addicts, spoke about their progress and how this housing would benefit them and their children in their continuing recovery.

**Chris Pegg** spoke about the “Ready to Rent” program, which will teach these women how to be good renters. The program is designed to partner with local landlords to provide long-term housing. Once the women have completed their transitional housing program they will receive vouchers on the Section 8 Program. Chris also explained some of the possible funding available.

**Marion Olmstead, the new Executive Director of Kelso Housing Authority in Kelso**, introduced herself.

**John Dieter, Longview Housing Authority**, spoke about the SHARE (Self-Help and Rehab Equity) home ownership program.

**Rena Madison, Home Ownership Coordinator with Longview Housing Authority**, who works with the families, introduced **Cory Millsap**, a potential homeowner who has been working hard to purchase a home.

Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Consideration of Funding 2007 Home Projects:**

Mayor Gregory stated the amount of money available is \$66,747.94. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Split the amount in half, giving \$33,373.97 to the Phoenix House Project and \$33,373.97 to the SHARE Program,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 07-3642 – Repealing Ordinance No. 94-3248 and Adding a New Section Entitled Cross Connections:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3642, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 94-3248 IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED AS KMC 13.04.060, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED CROSS CONNECTIONS, TO BE CODIFIED AS KMC 13.04.060,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 07-3643 – Amending Ordinance No. 3055 Regarding Application and Connection for Water Service:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3643, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3055, CODIFIED AS KMC 13.04.050, REGARDING APPLICATION AND CONNECTION FOR WATER SERVICE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 07-3644 – Amending Ordinance No. 3577 Regarding the Zero Lot Line Overlay Zone:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3644, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3577, CODIFIED AS KMC 17.21.010, REGARDING THE ZERO LOT LINE OVERLAY (RSF-Z) ZONE AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**LNG Project:** Councilmember Futcher spoke about the proposed resolution concerning the LNG Project. He feels the Council should not pursue this issue because there is no clear answer. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Let both sides know the Council will not be voting on this resolution,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Consideration for Bids for an ADA Library Bathroom Remodel:** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Award the contract to **Five Rivers Construction** in the amount of \$14,780.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Allen Street (SR-4) Parking and Crosswalk Layout:** Public Works Director David Sypher stated WSDOT asked if the City would like to relocate the parking and eliminate the mid-block crosswalk in the 700 block of Allen Street. When WSDOT completed an

analysis of the parking and the impact of relocating the parking lot, it was determined the number of parking spaces would be reduced by approximately 40%. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Leave the current layout as is,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Allen Street Crosswalk at Kelso High School:** Public Works Director Sypher reported the cost of some high visibility advanced warning signs for crosswalks at 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> was approximately \$31,000. The City is not eligible for a grant. Three quotes were received for solar powered lights. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Allocate funds and award the bid for six 8" amber on 36x48 signals from Coral Sales for an amount not to exceed \$12,870.' After further discussion it was the consensus of the Council to put this off to allow David to bring some pictures of the signs to the next meeting. The motion and the second were withdrawn by Councilmember McDaniel and Councilmember Karnofski.

**Authorization to Proceed with Funding for Community Center Survey:** City Manager Doug Robinson stated Kelso's portion in the amount of \$3,200 was not budgeted, so these funds would probably be taken out of a professional line item. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with Leisure Vision in the amount of \$3,200.00.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, Councilmembers McDaniel, Karnofski, Fatcher, Chester, and Gregory voting yes; Councilmember Wheeler voting no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

**Authorization to Purchase TV Camera for Sewer – Inspection Camera for Budget Year 2007:** Public Works Director Sypher stated the camera equipment, costing \$49,542, would allow city crews the ability to do inspections rather than having to higher outside contractors. The budgeted amount for this equipment was \$40,000, so an additional \$9,542 from the equipment reserve fund is necessary to fund this purchase.

**Rod Wright**, 97 Banyon Drive, spoke from the audience stating he hoped this camera would be better than the one the City had about nine years ago which didn't show many of the problems.

A short discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, '**Authorize the City Manager to allocate an additional \$9,542 from the Equipment Reserve Fund and accept the bid proposal from Enviro-Clean Equipment and Supplies in the amount of \$49,542 for the purchase of a Mini Mainline Sewer Inspection Camera,**' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Relating to the Taxation of Utilities:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RELATING TO TAXATION OF UTILITIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 5.05 KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE; REPEALING

ORDINANCE NO. 2462; AND, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING PRIOR ACTS.’ Mayor Gregory stated this is a housekeeping issue, not a tax increase. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel noted a correction that needed to be made on page 2 of the Ordinance. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Authorizing Encroachment on a Plated Utility:** The City has an easement on property at 2498 Sunrise owned by Alan Burnett who is trying to build a garage. The City Charter requires an ordinance for the purpose of conveying an interest in any of its real property. The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO MODIFYING A SHORT PLAT BY PARTIALLY RELINQUISHING A DEDICATED UTILITY EASEMENT.’ Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Doug Robinson:** 1) We have closed on the Storedahl property. 2) The West Kelso project is moving along. 3) Mayor Gregory inquired about Roger Olson’s project. Public Works Director Sypher said they have purchased their permit and the project is going forward.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Paul Brachvogel:** No Report

**David Sypher:** 1) Kudos to the crews who are working very hard to get ready for this year’s overlay. 2) We hired another engineering technician. Skylar Masters, a Kalama resident, began working Monday.

**Geraldine de Rooy:** No Report

**Wayne Nelson:** 1) Several officers are away doing some training put on by WCIA so we have been very busy. 2) Sergeant Doug Lane was instrumental in putting together a case that solved several bank robberies up and down the region. 3) Our newest officer, Brian Clark, investigated a burglary at a residence last week.

**Veryl Anderson:** No Report

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**David Fatcher:** No Report

**Joe Wheeler:** 1) Asked about the progress in locating a Community Development Officer. City Manager Robinson said he should receive an interim list in a couple of weeks. The individuals who have been hired to take care of various contracts are doing a

fine job. 2) Asked about the progress of the River Bend project on the waterfront. City Manager Robinson said the planning portion was approved by the Planning Commission.

**Mark Chester:** I have noticed some progress on the building next door. Looks like things are moving forward. It's nice to see our town growing.

**Todd McDaniel:** 1) We raised \$6,000 at the Deputy's Association fundraiser on March 24. 2) I want to wish my grandma, Genevieve McDaniel, a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today. She graduated from Kelso in 1937.

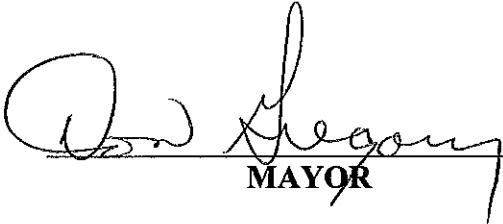
**John Karnofski:** On Monday, April 23, I will be holding a West Kelso Town Hall Meeting at Catlin Grade School starting at 7:00 p.m. I encourage all to come.

**Don Gregory:** My Town Hall Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on May 10 at Wallace School.

**Public Works Director Sypher reminded everyone of the Special Workshop Tuesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m.**

**City Manager Robinson announced the date of the Council Retreat which will be Saturday, June 2. The public is invited.**

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK