

Pastor Nick Buhler, Kelso Assembly of God 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, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Futcher, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the minutes of the 5/1/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring **May 2007** as "**Community Action Month**" in the City of Kelso. Ilona Kirby accepted the Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,473,901.78

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Holt's Quick Check, 400 N. Pacific; 2) Quick Stop Market, 500 Allen Street; 3) Target Stores, 205 Three Rivers Drive

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,473,901.78,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 07-3647 – Amending KMC 8.24.430 Notice Requirements for Nuisance Abatement: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3647, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3575, CODIFIED AS KMC 8.24.430, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS KMC 8.24.455 REGARDING NUISANCE ABATEMENT,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of School District Request to Help Fund Allen Street Traffic Lights: Roy Parsons, President of the Kelso School District Board of Directors, spoke about the traffic problems on Allen Street near Kelso High and Coweeman Middle School and asked the Council to assist with funding.

Jim Biwer, Executive Director of Support Services, said after working with three engineers, it was determined installing traffic lights was the best option for pedestrians.

Councilmember Wheeler arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Council discussion followed.

Patty Wood, Vice President of the Kelso School District Board of Directors, stated pedestrian safety is the School District's main concern not only during school, but after school as well.

Mayor Gregory stated Columbia Security, who has been patrolling at the school, will be terminating their contract soon. Further discussion followed.

Jim Biwer asked if the City would maintain the traffic signals. Public Works Director David Sypher stated currently the City pays for the maintenance of traffic lights but contracts with the State to maintain them.

Diane Dick, Kelso School Board Member, spoke from the audience stating the residents of Kelso are feeling the stress of the increased traffic due to new development east of the high school.

Mayor Gregory thanked the Kelso School Board Members for attending the Council Meeting.

Authorization to Amend Original Plat Allowing Mr. Burnett to Reduce the Width of the City's Utility Easement: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the amendment of the original plat allowing Alan Burnett to reduce the width of the City's utility easement,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Kennedy-Jenks Engineering to Perform Siting Evaluation in the Amount of \$50,069.00: Public Works Director Sypher said this contract is needed to do research for the site evaluation for a 2 million gallon reservoir. Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Authorize the agreement with Kennedy-Jenks Engineering to perform a site evaluation in the amount of \$50,069.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Establish Public Utility Easement on City of Kelso Parcel #24087 Adjacent to 2510 Talley Way: *Stricken from the agenda. Due to potential litigation, this will be discussed in Executive Session after the meeting.*

Approval to Consider a Change to the Comprehensive Plan Along with a Concomitant Zone Change: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend the comprehensive plan.' Discussion followed. Interim Senior Planner Norm Gollub answered some questions concerning the vicinity maps in the handout given to Councilmembers.

Ye-Ping Chin of PFC Development Corporation, presented drawings of the facility PFC plans to build at the old juvenile detention center in North Kelso.

Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 07-939 – Authorizing Obligation of \$216,250 Federal Aid Funds for the Yew Street Reconstruction Project: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Approve Resolution No. 07-939, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WSDOT FOR PROJECT EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEW STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.’ Public Works Director David Sypher explained the project. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: No report

David Sypher: 1) Due to the hangar shortage at the airport, an individual is interested in renting the carport area at 2222 S. Pacific and turning it into a hangar. He would like to remodel the carport and install a garage door at his own expense. He would like to vacate Hangar 18 which he currently rents for \$112 a month and rent the new space for \$40 a month. Mayor Gregory said this needs to be presented to the Airport Board. 2) Councilmember McDaniel stated a citizen asked if slats would be added to the fence at the pump station on Banyon to make it more attractive. David will check on this. 3) Councilmember Fatcher asked when the water would be turned on at the Spay Park. David stated the Spray Park will open Memorial weekend.

Geraldine de Rooy: 1) We were successful in securing a Community One Book Grant for the library. 2) The bathroom improvement project is underway.

Vern Thompson: Today is National Peace Officers Memorial Day. On March 27, 1948, Kelso Police Officer Konen was killed in the line of duty and we honor him today. Vern read a poem in his honor called “The Rose in the Shield.”

Veryl Anderson: 1) The Auditors will be here Monday, May 21, to begin the 2006 Audit. 2) We have sold ten tickets for the Santa Express. We will begin calling people who road the bus and the train with Santa last year to the Kelso Tree Lighting to allow them an opportunity to purchase tickets before we start advertising. 3) We are also busy with Highlander Festival.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: Kelso Youth Football is alive and well. Sign-ups for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders begin in August and the cost is \$50. I wonder about the motivation of Pop Warner Football which costs \$175 and accepts children in the 2nd grade.

Mark Chester: 1) I want to thank the citizens who attended the town hall meeting, Thursday, May 10. 2) Thanks to David Sypher for getting the 7th Avenue crosswalks in.

Joe Wheeler: No report

David Futcher: The South Kelso Town Hall Meeting was great. I would like to see that kind of citizen involvement at our regular Council meetings.

Alan Slater: No report

Don Gregory: I want to thank Councilmembers and Staff who covered for me at the South Kelso Town Hall Meeting. I was not able to attend because I was asked to go to Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress on the 1872 Mining Bill which would affect our rivers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. At 9:19 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



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