

Pastor Russ Teavis, Central Christian Church, 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, Fatcher, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the 5/15/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Drive, commented on the City's Comprehensive Plan and asked why things are not getting done such as mowing, spraying weeds, and completing the work on the fence at the pump station on Banyon. Rod stated he feels management isn't doing a good job and some changes need to be made. Discussion followed

Dan Sears, 1412 Ross, stated the City isn't upholding their ordinances concerning vehicles and debris around the city. Council discussion followed.

Jeremy Hooper, reported 260 people attended the skate park Battle of the Bands fundraiser event Saturday at the Kelso Theatre Pub and \$1,328 was raised. City Manager Doug Robinson stated he has hired Anne O'Connor of On the Mark Consulting to do the grant writing for the skate park.

Jim Krieder, 1421 Ross, spoke about a problem next door to him at 1420 Ross that has been going on for two years and he would like the City to take a look at it.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES:

Mayor Gregory introduced **Taylor Mustion**, the new Kelso High ASB President, and **Jim McDaniel** (Councilmember Todd McDaniel's son), the new ASB Vice President. 1) Graduation is June 17 and school is out June 21st. 2) This summer ASB will be holding a Leadership Camp. Before school begins, we will be having orientation for incoming freshmen.

Councilmember McDaniel asked for an update on the \$10,000 goal for donations to the skate park from the community. An anonymous donor has promised to match up to \$10,000. Councilmember Fatcher reported about half of the money has been received.

APPOINTMENT:

Mayor Gregory, with the consensus of the Council, appointed **Margie Pitcher** to the **Kelso Housing Authority**. She is replacing Jennifer Robarge.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License Assumption: Border Stop Market, 424 Long Avenue, to Two Good Brothers, LLC.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

DISCUSSION:

Local Cost Share Agreement Concerning Flood Protection – Board of

Commissioners: City Manager Robinson spoke about a letter received from the Board of County Commissioners concerning how to pay for the non-federal costs to allow the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to maintain flood capacity for the diked areas along the Cowlitz River. It was the consensus of their board that Kelso's portion would be 2.58%. The percentages in this plan are based on a cap amount of \$100,000, which City Manager Robinson will verify. Council discussion followed.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ratification of Amended Contract with COG – Additional \$18,000: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to ratify the amended contract with COG.' City Manager Robinson stated he wants to continue having Don Mathison and T. J. Keiran continue to work on their projects now and for a while after a new Community Development Director is hired. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Change Orders – ADA Library Bathroom Remodel: Library Director Geraldine de Rooy stated additional money is needed largely due to a broken sewer vent pipe, age of the building, and modern code requirements. The project should be completed in a couple of weeks. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the change order for the ADA library bathroom remodel,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: 1) I will need authorization from Mayor Gregory to be a voting delegate at the AWC Convention next week. 2) The Council Retreat Goal Sessions to discuss the 2008 Budget will be June 26 and July 10, both starting at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: No report

David Sypher: 1) I would like to commend the crews for their excellent work making repairs, spraying, painting, patching pot holes, and getting ready for the overlay program. 2) Mayor Gregory asked about the traffic revision on Allen Street and 3rd Street near the Post Office. David stated the businesses on Allen Street requested a traffic revision in order to obtain more parking. Beginning June 12, Allen Street in front of the antique store and the beauty shop will be one way going west with diagonal parking. The one-way street on 3rd Street will be changed to the opposite direction, going down instead of up the hill. 3) Councilmember Slater said there is a street sign on 3rd & Cowlitz Way going north that has been broken and laying down for quite some time. David will make sure the State has been contacted because it is their sign. 4) At the next Council meeting, you should be awarding the bid for the overlay project and the work should be completed by the end of September. 5) Councilmember Wheeler spoke about a sink hole on Ross Street. David said the sewer crew is using a camera to check out the problem. 6) Councilmember Wheeler asked about the fire hydrant problem on Paxton Road. David said a survey poll was conducted and the residents decided to hold off for now because of the new development that is going in.

Geraldine de Rooy: 1) Our staff has been going to the schools to promote summer reading programs. 2) We are bursting out of the seams in our building.

T. J. Keiran: We have received a Notice of Petition to commence with annexation proceedings submitted on May 31st by Mrs. Gail Oldham. This pending application for subdivision activity makes the annexation necessary. Mrs. Oldham has a total of 220 acres with 76 acres in the county. This development is behind Paxton Road.

Veryl Anderson: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: 1) I have received some citizens' comments concerning visibility problems on North 2nd and North Pacific when cars are parked in the area. 2) Mayor Gregory said when traffic is busy and a car is turning left into Flying K, it causes a traffic flow problem. There needs to be a curb so vehicles can't turn left.

Todd McDaniel: 1) Some businesses are making improvements in downtown Kelso. Kelso Theatre Pub looks great with the improvements Mike and Dawn Julian have made. El Charrito has put in a new parking lot. 2) I just want to say something about my sons. You met my son Jim who was just elected the ASB Vice President. Eric, my middle son, is the outgoing president at Coweeman. Joey, my youngest son, was elected ASB secretary. 3) I really appreciate people like Rod Wright coming to the meetings.

Mark Chester: No report

David Futcher: No report

Alan Slater: On the corner of Washington Way near the fairgrounds, there is a property that needs cleaned up. There was a fire many years ago and now the blackberries are thick. If the property owner won't clean it up the City needs to take care of it and put a lien on the property.

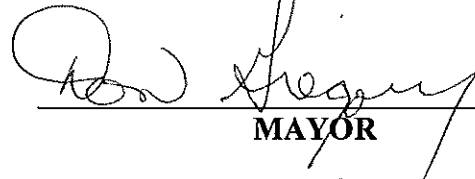
Joe Wheeler: 1) During our budget workshop, I think we need to discuss having a person who will take care of all the little nuisances around the City. 2) Joe asked about the progress of the crosswalks on Allen Street. Public Works Director Sypher said the job will be completed in about two weeks.

Don Gregory: Asked Finance Director Veryl Anderson about the progress of the ticket sales for the Santa Express for the Tree Lighting. Veryl said one bus is nearly filled. Phone calls will be made to those who road the bus and Amtrak last year to give them first chance. Around the middle of June we will start selling tickets to the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. At 9:23 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



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