

Pastor Mike Speegle, Kelso-Longview Adventist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Malella, Roberson, and Schimmel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 1/19/10 Special Council Workshop and the 1/19/10 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a Proclamation declaring the week of February 28 to March 6, 2010, as "Altrusa, Celebration of Literacy Week" in the City of Kelso. Kelso Library Manager Cindy Donaldson, who is also a member of Altrusa, accepted the proclamation. A book by Jamie Ford, *Hotel On The Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, has been selected for the community to read and discuss. The author will speak at the Longview Library on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The theme for the children's program is "Oh the Places You'll Go." The kick-off for this event will be at the Lower Columbia College Student Center on February 28th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to participate in reading activities to help promote lifelong literacy.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Planning Commission Appointments:

Rick Von Rock – Term Ending November 1, 2012
James Webb – Term Ending November 1, 2010

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

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th, spoke about wanting the Council to move forward with the West Kelso Realignment project and spoke about the possibility of bids coming in lower during these economic times. Discussion followed.

E. J. Ford, a Holcomb Acres Road resident, spoke about an area above Minor Road concerning vehicles that come off of a trail. The jersey barriers are full of rocks and the vehicles cannot be seen until they are on the road in front of you. There have already been several accidents.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Set Public Hearing to Allocate 2010 HOME Funding: Upon motion by Councilmember Malella, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Set a public hearing for April 20, 2010, to allocate the 2010 HOME funding,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution - Support of the Kelso School District Levy: *Stricken from the Agenda*

Councilmember Schimmel asked the reason this resolution was pulled from the agenda. Attorney Janean Parker said there is generally a prohibition on the use of public facilities to support or oppose any ballot measure. There is a specific exemption that allows the City Council to take action such as a resolution; however, certain procedures need to be followed prior to the meeting. Since this was not done, the resolution was pulled.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Recycling Site Dumping: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REGULATING THE DUMPING OF REFUSE, JUNK, RUBBISH AND GARBAGE AT KELSO RECYCLING DROP SITES; AMENDING KMC 8.04.010 BY ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS; AND ADDING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED "UNLAWFUL ACTS", TO BE CODIFIED AS KMC 8.04.075.' Public Works Director David Sypher spoke about some of the amendments to the existing ordinance which will provide new definitions and clarifications of "unlawful acts" concerning garbage. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Myers, Schimmel, McDaniel, Malella, Roberson, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmember Karnofski voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 10-3725 - Vision Document: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 10-3725, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING A VISION DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION AND DIRECTION FOR A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) Be sure to check out the improvements being made to the Kelso Girls' Softball Field at Tam O'Shanter Park. The money for this project was donated to the softball league and many volunteers have been involved in making this a first-class field. 2) Volunteers are working very hard at the Senior Center to get it up and running. 3) I would like to have a float in the Highlander Parade to recognize our volunteer groups. 4) Team Kelso is having a fundraiser to raise money to purchase belts,

sweatpants, socks, and shoelaces for students at Barnes School. 5) Employees will have a “green” potluck on March 17th.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: No report

Michael Kerins: A significant application for development of 148,000 square-feet of retail has been received. The process will begin with a preliminary binding site plan approval, with conditions. After they receive the staff report which tells them how they need to modify their site plan, they will submit their engineering for approval. Hopefully, they can apply for their building permits around the end of May.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) Our winter programs have started at the Library. 2) Ten people met for the discussion of the book, *My Sister's Keeper*. 3) We are excited about the celebration of literacy.

Andrew Hamilton: Call loads are coming in above average from last year. We are keeping very busy.

Brian Butterfield: No report

Carol Bradbury: All of our volunteers are important, but we have a very special lady who has been volunteering in the Finance Department for a number of years. Marion Thuma just celebrated her 89th birthday. She is awesome!

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Schimmel: No report

Rick Roberson: Spoke about the possibility of the high-speed rail coming into fruition.

Gerald Maella: No report

Todd McDaniel: CUBS Board is moving forward with their consultant. They are talking about the possibility of having a transit center at the train center.

Dan Myers: 1) The Depot volunteers have been watching the railroad workers pull and replace ties in the railroad tracks. We have felt a lot of shaking in the building. 2) I attended my first CAP Board Meeting and a projects committee meeting. Next week I will attend an orientation for new members. It looks like there will be lots of meetings, but it looks very interesting.

John Karnofski: No report

David Futcher: No report

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK