

Pastor Jerry Dahlke, North Gate City 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, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Malella.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/16/10 Special Council Workshop and the 3/16/10 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the month of April, 2010, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" in the City of Kelso.

**PRESENTATION:**

**WSDOT PRESENTATION – 6<sup>TH</sup> & ALLEN - CROSSWALK PROPOSAL:**

**Chad Hancock, Regional Traffic Engineer for Washington State Department of Transportation**, gave a power point presentation of the SR 4 Allen Street Pedestrian Crossing Plan to improve safety at the current pedestrian crossing. Also present was **Dave Burkey, Traffic Operations Engineer, for WSDOT**. Since 2004, there have been four pedestrian collisions, three rear-end collisions, and one accident involving a rear-end collision and a pedestrian at this crosswalk. Some of the topics discussed were rules of the road, WSDOT standards, and conditions that warrant a crosswalk. Discussion followed. Mr. Hancock recommended removing the mid-block crosswalk and extending the 25mph speed zone to Allen Drive. It was the consensus of the Council to consider a resolution to lower the speed limit at a future meeting

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

**Jerry Reagor**, 335 Hazel Street. 1) Spoke about problems with the street from South Pacific between Yew Street and Hazel Street. Public Works Director David Sypher said his department is in process of getting a title report to determine if this is the City's property. As a matter of safety, a work order is in process to patch the asphalt and grade the shoulders; however, this is a temporary fix. A permanent repair would require a full storm drainage program, which will be expensive. Mr. Reagor volunteered to fix the shoulders and the street if the City will provide him with some diesel, gas, and rock. 2) Mr. Reagor asked who owns the Peter Crawford property and spoke about the retaining wall that needs straightened and problems with a tree near the wall. David said Kelso owns part of the land, but the railroad owns most of it. 3) Mr. Reagor spoke about problems with the steps at the depot and offered to fix them. David invited Mr. Reagor to meet with him concerning some of these concerns that were discussed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**1. LTAC Committee Recommendations:**

KDRA - \$4,000

Lower Columbia College - \$4,500 Total

- Red Devil's Classic Tournament - \$1,500
- Cross Over Tournament - \$1,500
- Women's Classic Tournament - \$1,500

**2. Award Contract for Corduroy and Redpath Waterlines to Rotschy, Inc., in the amount of \$225,827.15**

**3. Award Contract for Engineering Services for Construction Management and Field Inspection (Corduroy and Redpath Water Projects) to Gibbs & Olson in the amount of \$38,500**

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

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 10-3729 - Creating the Southwest Washington Regional Airport**

**Board:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 10-3729, 'AN ORDINANCE REPEALING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 2.72 AIRPORT BOARD AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 2.72 AIRPORT BOARD CREATING THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AIRPORT BOARD WITH CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH HEREIN.' Public Works Director Sypher gave Councilmembers a corrected ordinance that was not included in the Council packet. The various changes were noted; however, the intent of the ordinance was not changed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 10-1018 - Establishing a City Employee Wellness Program:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 10-1018, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ESTABLISHING A CITY EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM.' Public Works Director Sypher said the insurance carrier has a program which offers a reduction on the premium of approximately \$18,000 if a wellness program is instituted. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**CITY MANAGER:**

**Dennis Richards:** Denny is ill, but he asked Mayor Fletcher to report that the work has gone well at the softball fields at Tam O'Shanter Park. Signs were put up today.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**David Sypher:** 1) The striping on 13<sup>th</sup> is done and the project will be closed out soon. 2) Under the consent agenda, Councilmembers authorized some inspection services. We are researching a way to save the City some money. If we can find a way to hire a temporary at a lower cost, we would like to pursue that option.

**Nancy Malone:** No report

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) The library was busy over spring break. 2) We held three Easter parties. 3) Our next book discussion will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to participate, stop by the library and pick up a copy of *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Work is being done to clean up the graffiti around town. A number of high school students working on their community service projects have worked hard on this project. Mike Smith, a Kelso Senior, finished a project to eliminate the graffiti on buildings around town. We are also working with the Cowlitz County Juvenile Work Crew to set up a program to eliminate graffiti. A special thanks to Parker Paint, who provided paint. If you see graffiti, you can report it to the police department. 2) Everyone is back to work. We have had officers working traffic, especially in the areas that have been mentioned by citizens at various Council Meetings. Citizens can contact me or the captains at any time if they have concerns. Mayor Fletcher said some of his contacts at the Department of Corrections have offered their work crew to remove graffiti if we can provide the supplies.

**Jerry Reagor,** 335 Hazel, spoke from the audience about the Peter Crawford property that is in the City limits. He suggested having Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris send Burlington Northern notices and a ticket to make them clean up the area.

**Brian Butterfield:** We have been working on the Financial Statement to get ready for the audit. All the year-end adjustments have been made. As of December 31<sup>st</sup> we have \$1.5 million in reserves in the general fund. We are budgeted to go approximately \$315,000 into reserves this year. Hopefully things will turn around.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Rick Roberson:** Spoke about the third rail. At a previous meeting, it was reported that Kelso's portion was unfunded; however, Rosemary Siipola of COG spoke at the last Regional Transportation Meeting about some possible funding from AMTRAK.

**Dan Myers:** 1) I was contacted by a representative from the freight rail. He said there is a bill in Congress on funding to improve freight rail systems. 2) Depot volunteers will have a table at the Earth Day Celebration at the Cowlitz County Expo Center on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. We could use more volunteers.

Gary Schimmel: No report

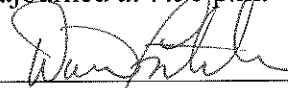
Gerald Malella: No report

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) Last year's Student Representative started his first day of basic training today at Fort Knox, Kentucky. 2) We really appreciate the large donation from Mr. Heerensperger for the Kelso Girls Softball Field at Tam O'Shanter. Kelso Girls Softball is trying to get both fields done. We will have a fundraiser on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Kelso Theater Pub. Tickets for "The World's Funniest Cop" will be \$25 each or two for \$40. Tickets can be purchased at the Kelso Theater Pub or you can contact Todd at [tmcdaniel@kelso.gov](mailto:tmcdaniel@kelso.gov).

David Futcher: I'm glad baseball season is here. Atlanta is 1 and 0!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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