

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso United Methodist 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, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Webb. Councilmember Karnofski was absent.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the 9/7/10 Regular Meeting were approved by the Council.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

Having received a number of sign-up sheets to address the Council concerning Victory Center, Mayor Futcher reminded citizens that the zoning issue is on appeal and will be heard by a hearings examiner. While the appeal is pending, the Council cannot enter into any discussion concerning the appeal; however, Councilmembers would like to hear citizens' comments. Citizens were asked to keep their comments brief.

The following individuals spoke in favor of changes being made to the ordinance to allow Victory Center to remain at 401 S. Pacific:

**John Wilson**, 2763 Maryland, Longview  
**Sandy Nanney**, 613 S. 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Doretta Cader**, 148 Hunter, Longview  
**Susan Schwartz**, 3858 Pennsylvania, Apt. 7, Longview  
**Jerry Reagor**, 335 Hazel  
**Glen SenSenbach**, 402 N. 5<sup>th</sup>  
**John Fielding**, 212 Beacon Hill Drive, Longview  
**Leo Pisarchuk**, 3514 Pacific Way, Longview

The following individual spoke in favor of keeping the ordinance the way it is currently.

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 N. 7<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Futcher thanked citizens for their comments and called a short recess. The meeting was called back to order at 8:37 p.m.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

**Anthony Currena**, 803 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke about regulating fees tow truck operators charge.

**Larry Wagle**, Longview, spoke about the library budget and the importance of having a library.

**Michael White**, 907 S. 6<sup>th</sup>, spoke about animal control issues.

**James Hill**, 1100 N. 22<sup>nd</sup>, spoke about fireworks issues.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CITY’S 2011 CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET:**

Mayor Fatcher opened the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield said the City is required to have a public hearing when considering raising property taxes for the year. Revenues have remained flat for the past few years and expenditures have gone up. Expenses are expected to exceed income by about \$1.2 million next year. Brian recommended asking for the maximum increase allowed by law, which is 1%.

Mayor Fatcher gave citizens the opportunity to come to the podium to speak.

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 N. 7<sup>th</sup>, asked if copies of the budget were available. Finance Director Butterfield said the preliminary budget is required to be ready for public review by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Citizens can request a copy at that time.

There were no further comments. Mayor Fatcher closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Fatcher read a proclamation declaring October, 2010, to be “**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**” in the City of Kelso and asked citizens to participate in efforts to recognize the serious impact of domestic violence. Rebecca Rosetti, an employee of the Emergency Support Shelter, accepted the proclamation and thanked the City for their support of the center which has helped many domestic violence victims. Citizens were invited to attend a candlelight ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on October 14<sup>th</sup> at the PUD to recognize survivors and those who have passed away due to domestic violence.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,284,688.69

**Liquor License Application:** Boogerbean’s, 816 Grade Street (*Added to the agenda*)

The Deputy City Clerk requested to have the liquor license application removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,284,688.69,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

**Liquor License Application:** Boogerbean’s, 816 Grade Street. Boogerbean’s just applied for their business license yesterday and some departments have not had a chance to review their application. Community Development Director Mike Kerins also noted they have not applied for a site plan. A short discussion followed. Mayor Fatcher asked

if there was a motion. Hearing none, the discussion was terminated and the application was not acted upon.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 10-1027 - Garbage Service Rates:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Resolution No. 10-1027, 'A RESOLUTION FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2011.' A short discussion followed. Public Works Director David Sypher reminded Councilmembers that a new contract was negotiated last year. There is a reserve fund that is being used for rate stabilization. Rather than having large increases, there will be mild annual increases for a couple of years. Motion carried, all voted yes.

**Ordinance No. 10-3734 - Adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Building Codes:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 10-3734, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE 3572, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 15.03, TO ADOPT THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) Expressed thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard on the Highlander Festival. The weather was great and the crowd was twice as big as last year. The City had a float in the parade honoring our volunteers. 2) I am pleased how good the streets look. The contractor has done a wonderful job. 3) We started a wellness program a few months ago. Some employees are currently involved in a walk from Kelso, Washington, to Kelso, Scotland. 4) Grimm Road improvements should be finished by October 15<sup>th</sup>. 5) Today was the last full day of summer. I am glad summer fell on the Highlander Festival weekend. 6) **Mayor Fatcher read a letter from the Washington City/County Management Association recognizing City Manager Richards for fifteen years of public service. Mayor Fatcher congratulated Denny and presented the award to him.**

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report

**David Sypher:** 1) As reported earlier, work on Grimm Road will be completed soon. We are also working on the punch list. I would like to thank Patrick Harbison, our overlay project manager, for the great job he has done. 2) Chip sealing will begin tomorrow. 3) Our water/sewer crew has been trying to take care of some dead meters. If we don't get a register on the meters, we don't receive any income. 4) I appreciate all who worked at the Highlander Festival to make it a success. 5) The street condition survey results were discussed at the Budget Workshop earlier tonight. The results of the survey help us to know how to better plan.

**Michael Kerins:** 1) The permit review and comp plan update ordinance that we adopted in early 2009 calls for the Planning Commission, each year in September, to consider any changes they feel are necessary. Some staff-recommended changes to the zoning ordinance have been presented to the Planning Commission. The list of changes will be brought to Council for their review at the next meeting. A short discussion followed.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) Story time and teen activities will begin next week. 2) The Friends of the Library had a very successful book sale at the Highlander Festival. They support our children's programs.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Officers have been keeping busy with the Highlander Festival, football games, and other events. 2) Two individuals in our department will be out for awhile on medical leaves. 3) The potential staffing cuts that were discussed in the Budget Workshop earlier are unnerving to some. 4) Concerning the Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation that was discussed earlier, Kelso is the lead agency on a \$45,000 stop grant which is a joint venture between the prosecutor's office, the Emergency Support Shelter, and law enforcement in Cowlitz County. Kelso's \$15,000 portion is used for domestic violence training for law enforcement officers. Captain Vern Thompson does a great job heading this training. 5) The Police Science class is going well. 6) Concerning the fireworks issue that a citizen spoke of earlier, Kelso has a noise ordinance. Citizens may contact the police department if they have concerns about noise issues; however, the issue may be more of a dislike for state-authorized mortars that are sold in local fireworks stands. Discussion followed.

**Brian Butterfield:** No report

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Dan Myers:** No report

**Gary Schimmel:** 1) A presentation about the south Cowlitz River Trail will be given at the next Council meeting. 2) I hope we can have some discussion about the commercial town center zoning to see if it is still appropriate for this area. 3) Spoke about the possibility of having some town hall meetings in various locations to discuss the budget issues. Mayor Fitcher spoke about the time factor. Hopefully citizens will show up for the meetings if they would like to voice their opinions.

Rick Roberson: No report

James Webb: I would also be interested in having a discussion about the zoning ordinance.

Todd McDaniel: No report

David Futcher: There is no fun way to save a million dollars. There are a lot of things I would like to see on that list added back, but I don't think we can get most of them. Every one of your departments is looking at not positive results for next year. I feel for each of you and your staff.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



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