

Pastor Lee Bailey, North Kelso Baptist 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 Webb.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 1/4/11 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Mike Peckham: 1) I'm filling in for Eric McDaniel tonight because I want to become involved with KHS leadership. 2) We will be having a tolo dance. It's been about four years since we have had one. The student body chose a neon theme for the event, which will be held in the KHS Commons. 3) Tomorrow night the Kelso boys' wrestling team will be at Columbia River. The Kelso boys' basketball team is away and the Kelso girls' basketball team is at home.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Amendment to the Contract with OTAK, the West Main Consultant, in the amount of \$534,135**
2. **Contract Approval, Kenyon Disend, Contracted Attorney Services**
3. **Contract Approval, Debra Burchett, Indigent Defense Attorney**
4. **Liquor License Renewal, Kelso AM/PM, 1700 Allen Street East**
5. **Acceptance of \$4,652,000 Grant from State Transportation Improvement Board, Project No. 580504**
6. **Auditing of Accounts: \$2,079,432.89**

It was the consensus of the Council to address Item No. 1 (West Main Consultant Contract Amendment) separately to allow comments from a citizen who filled out a sign-up sheet to address the Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,079,432.89,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Jerry Reagor, 335 Hazel Street, mentioned some concerns he has and shared some Kelso history that might be beneficial. Mr. Reagor spoke about the following:
1) potential problems with the Ranney well system; 2) a pipe that goes underneath the frontage road, near the old Hilander building, that probably needs cleaned out; 3) an active slide at the end of 13th Street behind the cemetery; 4) The Yew Street rail crossing

and the potential to sell about a million yards of sand at about \$2 a yard so there is a place for the sand to be pumped out when the river is cleaned out.

Public Works Director David Sypher commented about the ongoing maintenance on the Ranney well and pointed out that most of the concerns Mr. Reagor spoke about are in the City's Capital Improvement Plan.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

With the consensus of the Councilmembers, Mayor Futcher made the following Council Boards & Commissions Assignments:

911 Board	Dennis Richards
Airport Authority	David Futcher
CAP Board	Todd McDaniel and Dan Myers
CEDC Executive Board	Dennis Richards
CEDC	David Futcher
City Audit	Dan Myers and Gary Schimmel
	Todd McDaniel, Alternate
Cowlitz Transit Authority Board	John Karnofski and Todd McDaniel
CWCOG	Dan Myers and Rick Roberson
Disability Board	David Futcher
KDRA	Rick Roberson and Gary Schimmel
Fire Pension Board	David Futcher and Brian Butterfield
Library Board	John Karnofski
Lodging Tax Advisory	Todd McDaniel
Park Board Liaison	James Webb
Public Health	Gary Schimmel
Sewer Operating Board	David Sypher and Dan Myers
Solid Waste Technical	David Sypher and Dan Myers
Metropolitan Planning Organization	David Sypher and Rick Roberson
RTPO	David Sypher and Rick Roberson

MOTION ITEMS:

Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Amendment to the Contract with OTAK, the West Main Consultant, in the Amount of \$534,135 (moved from the Consent Agenda): Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the amendment to the contract.'

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th, who spoke from the audience, asked how much had already been spent on the project.

Public Works Director Sypher said approximately \$1.5 million has been spent. There are two portions of money; that is, a grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board in the amount of \$4.6 million and a grant from the federal STIP funds in the amount of \$1.5 million. OTAK and the sub-consultants propose a budget of \$534,135 to complete the additional study and design work for the enhanced project. Funding for this additional work is fully available within the grants and allocations received. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2012. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mike White, 907 S. 6th Avenue, who spoke from the audience, asked why so much money is being spent on a consultant. He feels this area isn't growing enough and the realignment of West Main isn't needed.

Mayor Fatcher reminded Councilmembers and citizens the City would have to pay back the federal money already spent by the City if the project isn't completed. He suggested a workshop might be in order to reevaluate the project.

Mike White spoke about a petition he was asked to sign concerning Victory Center and asked for an update.

Steve Bowman, 1102 S. 3rd, also wanted to speak about Victory Center. Mayor Fatcher said the discussion is currently on the West Main realignment. Also, he pointed out that Victory Center has filed a lawsuit; therefore, Councilmembers cannot discuss the subject.

Larry Anderson, 1000 N. 19th, asked if City officials had talked with all the businesses that would be affected by the potential West Main realignment to see how they would be impacted. He also asked how much of the Office Max building would be taken off.

Public Works Director Sypher said in the first two phases of the project, the Office Max building would not be affected. If the third phase is built, approximately twenty feet of the building would be taken; however, it has been budgeted as if the whole building were to be purchased. It was also noted that contact has been made with the various property owners and businesses. Discussion followed.

Jerry Reagor, 335 Hazel Street, gave some history about the old bridge that collapsed in the 20's being buried in the area of the intersection of 5th & Main. Lengthy discussion followed.

Mike White, who spoke from the audience, asked if there was a guarantee for Phase 3 to go through if Phase 1 and 2 are completed. Discussion continued.

Thomas Walsh, of OTAK, gave some history concerning what has already taken place concerning the project. He indicated he would be happy to provide more information if a workshop is scheduled. Discussion continued.

Mayor Futcher indicated he is impressed that this project has enough appeal to agencies such as the state and federal government, who get very little direct benefit from it. There must be some value in it since they are willing to put in \$7.9 million. Public Works Director Sypher said there is a lot of information available for Council to review, if they are interested, because three previous studies have already been done.

Councilmember Schimmel called for the question, which would end the discussion so the vote could be taken. Mayor Futcher reminded Councilmembers the vote to terminate the discussion would require two-thirds approval. Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, Schimmel, Karnofski, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers Myers and Webb voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2. **Mayor Futcher restated the motion which is to approve the amendment to the West Main Consultant Contract.' Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, Schimmel, Karnofski, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers Myers and Webb voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.**

Resolution No. 11-1036 - Declaring Surplus Property (314 Academy Street – Library Building): The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 10-1036, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE KELSO CITY COUNCIL DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 ACADEMY STREET, AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF ITS SALE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) - Declaring City Owned Property at 102 1st Avenue N. W., Parcel No. 20904, Surplus and Authorizing Conveyance: 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 DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONVEY THE PROPERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR CERTAIN NEEDED RIGHT OF WAY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) - Revising Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Kelso Engineering Design Manual: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10-3728, UPDATING CHAPTERS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE KELSO ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) The Three Rivers Mall sign is up and it looks great. 2) The Hilander building should be down by the end of the week. 3) The grand opening of the new Kelso Library was Saturday, January 15th. It was so well received. People in

wheelchairs and walkers, who probably found it too difficult to get in and out of the old building, were also in attendance. My hat is off to Library Manager Cindy Donaldson for the great job she did. Thanks to her staff and all the volunteers who worked together to make the move go quickly and smoothly. I also visited the Library this morning to see what their first day was like, and there were lots of people coming in.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) The three inches of rain we had caused a lot of excitement in the Public Works Department over the holiday weekend. Four employees worked most of Sunday and Monday. I want to thank Superintendent Randy Johnson and the crew for their hard work. 2) We started the weekend with waterline breaks on Academy and North Maple. 3) Potholes are growing, which is a problem since we no longer have a street crew. 4) Councilmember Myers said the depot volunteers wanted to express their appreciation for the lights being fixed on the platform at the Kelso Train Station. 5) Councilmember Roberson spoke about the pot holes near 6th & Yew Street, which is a major problem since there is no money or a crew to fix them.

Michael Kerins: The old Hilander building is almost down; however, the rear wall of the building will remain at this time because it provides a significant retaining wall.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) The Kelso Library is now open at the Three Rivers Mall and I will be happy to give tours. Forty new library cards were issued in the last two days with nine of them being from non residents. 2) Borders Book Store said they did a wonderful business the day the library opened. 3) I want to thank all of you for your support. It has meant a lot.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Captain Kirk and a number of officers attended the memorial services for Rainier Chief of Police Ralph Painter. 2) We will be working with the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Department to assist them while deputies are attending a funeral on Friday for Deputy Dave Anderson, who passed away unexpectedly. 3) Our new schedules are working well.

Brian Butterfield: Councilmembers were given a copy of the Preliminary December Financial Report; however, there are still some bills coming in. If you have any questions, let me know. As of today the general fund expenditures have exceeded revenues by approximately \$477,000. A short discussion followed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Dan Myers: I attended a regional information forum Friday. Rosemary Siipola, Transportation Planner with the Council of Governments, spoke about potential rail transportation changes that are coming to this area.

Gary Schimmel: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) When Deputy Dave Anderson passed away Thursday night, many of us were at the hospital and were quite shaken. I want to thank Chief Hamilton and the Longview Police Officers for being there for us. 2) Today at Nipp's, half of their profits went to benefit Deputy Anderson's family. On Thursday, Lexi's Pizza in Lexington will also give half of their profits to the Anderson family. 3) I am hosting a comedy night at the Kelso Theater Pub Friday, February 25th. Proceeds will go to the Kelso Class of 2011 Senior Party. Contact me if you want tickets.

Rick Roberson: There was a great attendance at the Kelso Library grand opening. Seeing a person in an electric wheel chair, who was able to come to the library, said it all about who benefits the most from the move.

John Karnofski: No report

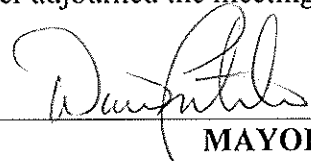
James Webb: I want to congratulate Cindy Donaldson and her crew. I was so impressed! There were over two hundred people in attendance at the library grand opening. It looks fantastic and it will be a blessing to the community.

David Futcher: The library grand opening was a cool event. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it possible.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss a personnel evaluation. It is expected to take approximately fifteen minutes and no action will be taken. At 8:53 the Executive Session was extended for approximately fifteen minutes. At 9:06 p.m. the Council convened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK