Pastor John Jorgenson, Three Rivers Bible Church, gave the invocation. Mayor 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, Wheeler, Slater, Chester, Futcher, McDaniel, Karnofski and Student Representative Jim McDaniel.

<u>Minutes:</u> Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/16/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

<u>Jim McDaniel:</u> Students at Kelso High School will honor Veterans at a breakfast Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 8:00 followed by a Veterans' Day Assembly at 9:00.

APPOINTMENTS:

With the consensus of the Council, Mayor Gregory appointed Connie Reams to the Highlander Festival Committee.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 07-951 – Authorizing an Increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy: The Clerk read the resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-951, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED PROPERTY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Fixing the Estimated Amount to be Raised by Ad Valorem Taxes: The Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,182,285 FOR THE 2008 BUDGET OF THE CITY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Kelso Longview Airport AIP AWOS RCO Relocation Security Fence and Hangar Taxiways Contract Change Order #2 (Creagan Excavating): Public Works Director David Sypher said the change order is needed for excavation work. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Authorize contract

change order No. 2 in the amount of \$55,931.00.' A short discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

<u>Paul Brachvogel:</u> The first 2008 Budget meeting was held last night. The meeting will continue Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: No report

Michael Kerins: No report

Geraldine de Rooy: No report

Wayne Nelson: No report

Brian Butterfield: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: No report

<u>Todd McDaniel:</u> CAP is hosting business after hours on Tuesday, November 13, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to explain the programs that are available.

<u>Mark Chester:</u> A citizen reported missing poles and lamps on the dike on Barnes Street apparently due to metal theft. Public Works Director David Sypher will take a look at the area.

John Karnofski: No report

<u>David Futcher:</u> Anyone who is interested may join us at the Back Stage Café tonight at 8:30 to wait for election results.

Joe Wheeler: No report

Don Gregory: 1) Mayor Gregory announced the retirement of Finance Director/City Clerk Veryl Anderson (40 years of service) and Cindy Keeney Assistant Finance Director/Deputy City Clerk (32 years). All are invited to attend a retirement party in the Kelso City Council Chambers at Kelso City Hall on Friday, November 16, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We wish Veryl and Cindy good luck in their new venture. Veryl will be the ASSE International Student Exchange Western Regional Director and Cindy will be her

assistant. 2) The Budget Workshop will continue tomorrow, November 7, upstairs in the conference room beginning at 6:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and real estate matters. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:08 p.m.

Mayor Gregory reminded citizens that Paul Brachvogel was appointed Acting City Manager for the City of Kelso on September 4, 2007. A contract for the City Manager was presented to Council and changes were made. Paul stated the eight months severance pay was changed to six months. Also two No. 8 sections were stricken and the contract was renumbered. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Kelso and Paul Brachvogel with the changes marked on the contract.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR⁄

CITY CLERK