

Pastor Mike Speegle, Kelso Seventh Day 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, Slater, Myers, Malella, Roberson, and McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the minutes of the 9/2/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – Revenue Sources, 2009 Current Expense Budget:

Mayor Futcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. City Manager Paul Brachvogel read a statement prepared by Finance Director Brian Butterfield.

Joe Wheeler, 2406 Talley Way, spoke from the audience about sales being down and the need to spend money wisely.

There were no more comments from the public. Mayor Futcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Joe Wheeler, 2406 Talley Way, commented on City Manager/City Attorney Paul Brachvogel's announcement, earlier in the day, concerning his resignation from the City of Kelso effective October 24. He congratulated Paul for doing a great job.

Charles C. Angelico, II, 214 St. James Court, Longview, Public Defender for the City of Longview, introduced himself to Councilmembers. Mr. Angelico recently applied for a District Court Judge position and spoke about the need to expedite the process of incarcerating those with mental health issues.

PRESENTATION:

KDRA Bike Fest Report: KDRA Secretary Karen Lawrence gave a power point presentation of the highlights of the September 6, 2008, Highlander Iron Horse Festival. The objective for the motorcycle rally was to provide a unique and intriguing event and promote the downtown area. During the rally, donations in the amount of \$103 were collected for the skate park. KDRA President Mike Julian anticipates having the bike fest again next year. Councilmember Roberson announced the next KDRA event which will be on Veteran's Day, November 11th.

Pathways 2020 and Local Trails: Paul Youmans spoke about the Regional Trails Plan for Cowlitz County that was adopted in December 2006. The concept was to develop a new trail linking Castle Rock trails and parks with the new Lexington Bridge just north of Kelso. The proposed Castle Rock to Lexington Loop Trail, which is an amendment to

the plan, would be available for people on foot, bicycle, or horseback. Councilmember Slater spoke about the possibility of going as far as Ryderwood with the trail. Councilmember McDaniel moved, second by Councilmember Roberson, **'Support the amendment to the Regional Trails Plan,'** motion carried, all voting yes.

Stormwater Telephone Survey Results: Senior Engineer Van McKay gave a summary of the results of a stormwater telephone survey that was completed in August. The survey was performed because the City's Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit requires measuring the knowledge and practices regarding stormwater and pollution of the public, including businesses.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,487,667.87

Liquor License Renewal: 1) Three Rivers Golf Course, 2222 S. River Rd.; 2) Yan's Chinese Restaurant, 300 Long Ave. West.

Liquor License Assumption: Jaime G. Ambriz, 404 W. Main Street, dba West Main Pub & Grill to Nikki's Bar and Grill.

Eric Hamilton, Manager of Nikki's Bar and Grill, spoke about providing a responsible environment. They also plan to serve food until closing.

Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,487,667.87,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Project Agreement for State Youth Athletic Facility Grant - Skate Park: Having entered into a contract to build the skate park, Public Works Director David Sypher said this is the first step to solidify the RCO Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Authorize Mayor Fatcher to sign the project agreement for the State Youth Athletic Facility Grant for the Skate Park,' motion carried, all voting yes.

APPOINTMENT:

With Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher appointed City Manager Paul Brachvogel to be on the committee to interview the District Court applicants.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mayor Fatcher announced to the public that a letter of resignation had been received from City Manager/Attorney Paul Brachvogel, effective October 24, 2008. Mayor Fatcher

expressed appreciation for the direction Paul has taken the City. Paul will be greatly missed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, **‘Create a City Manager Search Subcommittee consisting of Mayor Futcher and Councilmembers McDaniel and Roberson.’** Lengthy Council discussion followed.

Joe Wheeler, 2406 Talley Way, spoke from the audience about the objective of the subcommittee.

Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Slater, Roberson, McDaniel, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers Myers and Malella voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2. Further discussion followed.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) Paul assured citizens, although he is leaving, the staff is in great shape and things should run smoothly during the transition. 2) KDRA is doing a great job revitalizing the interest in the downtown area. A tentative date of October 3rd has been set to take some KDRA representatives on a trip to Camas for an art walk and wine tasting. 3) Thanks to Cindy Keeney, Cory Mugaas, and Veryl Anderson for all their efforts to make the Highlander Festival a successful event. 4) Councilmember Malella has expressed interest in a train ride to Olympia to visit their depot. A trip is being planned for the purpose of seeing how existing facilities can be used to get some economic activity out of them. 5) I failed to mention Councilmember Roberson in my letter of resignation and want to thank him for all he has done. 6) Paul asked for direction concerning the search for a new Chief of Police, due to Chief Nelson’s retirement effective March 31, 2009. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to put off the Police Chief search at this time and focus on filling the City Manager position. 7) Paul thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve as Kelso’s City Manager/Attorney.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) Mayor Futcher said the new parking lot at Tam O’Shanter looks great. David thanked Randy’s crew for working so hard to get the job done in time for the Highlander Festival. 2) Councilmembers and staff were given a copy of a memorandum from FCS Group summarizing their findings and recommendations for annual rate increases needed to meet the utility financial needs. Discussion followed concerning FCS Group’s recommendation to raise water and sewer rates.

Michael Kerins: 1) I attended the Annual Planning Directors’ Conference last week. As a result of this conference, Planning Directors from Longview, Kelso, and Cowlitz County will meet at least once a month to make sure there is a higher level of coordination and information sharing. 2) Climate change impacts were discussed at the conference. The consensus is that this will show up in the Growth Management Act as a new goal.

Wayne Nelson: The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program had money left over from 2006. Kelso was successful in securing \$31,000 of this money to replace our portable radios.

Carol Bradbury: 1) Now that the Highlander Festival is over, we have started to plan the Tree Lighting Festival.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Dan Myers: No report

John Karnofski: No report

Alan Slater: 1) Spoke about the utility rate update. 2) An amazing book about the history of Kelso titled *They Came to Six Rivers*, written by Virginia Urrutia, is available at the Historical Society.

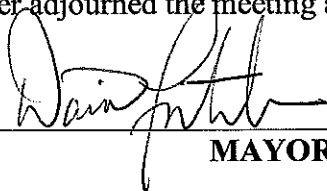
Todd McDaniel: 1) Kelso has an away game this Friday at Fort Vancouver. 2) Paul will be greatly missed.

Gerald Malella: I am disappointed that Paul is leaving.

Rick Roberson: 1) Citizens are invited to attend the Town Hall Meeting September 24th at Wallace School. 2) It will be hard to replace Paul.

David Futcher: Paul has made a lot of improvements. We will look for a City Manager who will continue to move forward with the momentum we've got.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



MAYOR



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