

Pastor Mike Speegle, 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, McDaniel, Karnofski, Roberson, Myers, Malella, and Von Rock.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the minutes of the 8/18/09 Regular Meeting and the 8/25/09 Special Budget Workshop,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Visitor Center Update:** Connie Parsons, Director of the Kelso Visitor Center, spoke about the busy summer they have had with over 5,000 visitors stopping. Through the Summer Employment Program, a Kelso High graduate has been working at the Visitor Center on Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays. A couple of men who were painting at the Chamber of Commerce also did some painting for us. They painted the duct work on the end of the building and the railings on the porch. It is great to see the train station manned. We have supplied them with a lot of brochures. Councilmember Malella asked if there would be a better location for the Visitor Center. Connie said they are fortunate to be located at the exit near the interstate; however, the City-owned property where Jitters is located, at the same exit, would provide a better building site.

**Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Report:** Chief Alan Headley spoke about two hand-outs that were given to Councilmembers showing the number and types of calls. Cowlitz 2 responded to nearly 1,000 calls for the first half of the year. The majority of the calls were for medical assistance. The 2006 through 2008 Stats sheet shows that calls have gone down slightly, partially due to public education. Plans to do some remodeling at the Headquarters Station are in place and they are in process of trying to obtain funding to replace the Lexington Fire Station.

**Award to Brian Butterfield:** City Manager Dennis Richards announced that **Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield** received the Professional Finance Officer Award. This is the seventh year Brian has received this award.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Anthony J. Currena**, 803 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke about the following concerns: 1) Storm drains near his residence need to be pumped out. 2) A dip in the street at Sixth & Cedar needs repaired. 3) Both the sidewalk and curb on Cedar are in need of repair. Anthony spoke about being interested in making sidewalk repairs if the City would pay for the material. Public Works Director David Sypher said the City has a program with a 50% match and asked Mr. Currena to stop by his office to discuss it further.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Consider Authorization to Apply for Grants:** Mayor Futcher said when applying for grants for the water and Yew Street Projects, there are some matching fund requirements. Public Works Director Sypher said the water projects have already been budgeted. If the City is successful in getting a million dollar grant for the Yew Street project, approximately \$155,000 would be needed. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the Public Works Department to submit an application for the water projects and the Yew Street Project as they pertain to each grant.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 09-1003 – Imposing Certain Fees at the Southwest Washington Regional Airport:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Pass Resolution 09-1003, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO IMPOSING CERTAIN FEES AT THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Amend the Airport Lease Regulations:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE AIRPORT LEASE REGULATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOWING CERTAIN EXCLUSIVE LEASES FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT.' Public Works Director Sypher said when reviewing the airport ordinances, it was discovered that exclusive FBO services are not permissible. This ordinance amends Chapter 13.12.620 to allow exclusive FBO services. In some instances, a business may only be viable if exclusive rights are given. City Attorney Janean Parker said it would be restricted to the term of the lease agreement. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Recoat Tops of Water Reservoir Tanks (Paxton, Carrolls, Williams Finney, Rocky Point and Recoat Entire Behshell Heights Reservoir):** Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the contract with M & R Painting, Inc., in the amount of \$28,693.51 (including tax).' Public Works Director Sypher said these tanks were painted approximately eleven years ago. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) There will be a "Bench Dedication" on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. to honor former councilmember, Alan Slater, and former mayor, Donald

Gregory. 2) The Longview City Manager and I will speak at the "State of the City" at the Expo Center on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. 3) A card was received from Wallace School thanking the staff for their donations of shoes, socks, and underwear. 4) In honor of Kelso's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Councilmembers are invited to ride on a flatbed truck in the Highlander Parade.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** I just came back from vacation.

**David Sypher:** 1) I have been working with Janean today and I want to thank her for all the help she has given me. 2) The street crew is busy with chip seal prep and the cleanup. The crew is down one person, so they are struggling to keep up. Additional money is needed to purchase materials to complete the jobs.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) KLTV is at the Kelso Library tonight filming our Eat, Pray, and Love discussion group. 2) Our next discussion on the book, Garden Spell, will be Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Books are available at the library. 2) The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Highlander Festival. 3) A local family held a garage sale and the proceeds (over \$2,000) were donated to the library to purchase educational DVD's. They contacted PBS who gave them approximately 100 DVD's free of charge. 4) The teen activity group will meet the last Monday of the month.

**Andrew Hamilton:** We currently have three officers out with injuries. We are keeping busy.

**Brian Butterfield:** 1) This year I am not as busy as I usually am due to going to a biennial budget. 2) A letter was received from Lockheed, stating they are terminating their lease at the depot the end of this month.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Dan Myers:** The Depot Volunteer Program is going well and it is great to have the sound system.

**Rick Von Rock:** I attended the COG meeting to get some insight as to how they are working for Kelso. They will be having a training class, which I plan to attend.

**Gerald Malella:** 1) The COG meeting was very enlightening. 2) There has been an outstanding response from the people coming to the depot. It is a great experience and I encourage citizens to volunteer.

**Todd McDaniel:** Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Kelso plays Mark Morris at Longview Memorial Stadium. Support Kelso by attending the game. They beat us the last two years.

**Rick Roberson:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Iron Horse Festival will be held in downtown Kelso Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be approximately thirty vendors, fun events, and live music.

**John Karnofski:** I attended the opening ceremonies for the Babe Ruth World Series. On behalf of the City, I received a plaque of appreciation for being a co-host.

**David Futcher:** The first Wednesday of each month representatives from Kelso are on the KLTV show "Local Matters." If anyone would like to attend with me, let me know.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

  
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