

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, Von Rock, Malella, Roberson, McDaniel, and Student Representative Joey Tagliarino. Councilmembers Myers and Karnofski were absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 10/6/09 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Joey Tagliarino, ASB President: 1) Districts for cross country will be tomorrow at the high school. Preseason wrestling is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 2) The school play, "Misanthrope," will be on October 28th and 29th beginning at 7:00 p.m. 3) Last weekend DECA students were involved in a Kelso clean-up day.

PUBLIC HEARING – Property Tax Revenue Source, 2010:

Mayor Futcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield spoke about the possibility of increasing property taxes for 2010. Last fall the City budgeted to go into reserves by \$123,000. It has been forecasted that the economy will not get better any time soon, so revenues look dismal. Brian's recommendation is to ask for the maximum increase allowed by law, which is 1%, in addition to new construction that was done last year. Mayor Futcher invited citizens to comment.

The following citizens spoke from the audience:

Anthony Currena, 803 S. 6th Avenue, spoke of his concerns for people living on fixed incomes if property taxes are raised. Mr. Currena asked if this is an annual increase.

Gary Schimmel, 1219 N. 3rd Avenue, asked if the increase being recommended is a Council decision or if it will be decided by the voters. Mr. Schimmel also asked what would happen if the City did not receive this increase.

Mayor Futcher explained that the potential increase was built into the biennial budget that was approved a year ago. Finance Director Butterfield said on a house valued at \$150,000, the increase the City would get would be \$2.70 a year. Further discussion followed.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – Initiative 1033:

Mayor Fatcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield gave a power point presentation showing the possible impact to Kelso and other cities if Initiative 1033 passes. This measure limits growth of taxes and fees charged by governments that are put into the general fund. This limit on revenues is adjusted by annual growth in the city and the inflation rate. If Initiative 1033 passes it is estimated the State would lose \$5.9 billion by 2015, counties \$694 million, and cities \$2.1 billion in revenue that would have been used to provide services such as fire, police, streets, parks, and library. Mayor Fatcher invited citizens to make comments.

The following citizens spoke from the audience:

Mike Anthony, 616 N. 4th Avenue, spoke against Initiative 1033.

Gary Schimmel, spoke about citizens having to decide what size of government they are willing to live with. He also asked what kind of things would be changed in Kelso's budget if Initiative 1033 passes. Spoke about his family enjoying the services offered by the various departments of the City.

Discussion followed.

There being no further comments, Mayor Fatcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Mike Anthony, 616 N. 4th, youth pastor at Calvary Chapel in Longview, spoke about working with volunteers at events such as a skateboard tournament in Longview. Mr. Anthony also proposed putting a portable at the skate park to sell beverages and miscellaneous skate materials which would be financed through local churches, donations, and volunteers. Discussion followed.

Matt Chenier, 75212 Larsen Rd., Rainier, youth pastor at Kelso Church of Truth, spoke about some of the problems typically caused by kids at skate parks and spoke about the desire to make a difference for the kids by encouraging them to do the right thing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License Assumption:** El Tucan to El Tucan Restaurant, Nicole Alyss Stansbery, 409 S. Pacific Avenue
2. **Liquor License Renewal:** Border Stop Market, 424 Long Avenue
3. **Revise Final Pay Estimate Closeout for Coweeman Park Drive Utility Relocation, Project No. 590902** with Carney Construction in the amount of \$186.78

4. **Closeout Kelso Drive Bridge Painting Project No. 800801** with Hancock Sandblasting & Paint, LLC., in the amount of \$275,988.53
5. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,025,459.50

Mayor Fatcher removed Item Nos. 1 and 2 concerning liquor licenses, since input has not been received from the fire department. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the remaining items on the consent agenda and the auditing of accounts in the amount of \$2,025,459.50,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

PUD Easement Request-Williams-Finney Reservoir Site: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Grant the easement to PUD.' Senior Civil Engineer Michael Kardas said PUD owns a water system in the North Kelso area that includes a booster station located at the city's Williams-Finney reservoir site. Kelso sells water to the PUD to serve the system, but there is no formal easement for this existing pump system. PUD is proposing a new booster station to replace the existing severely outdated system. A short discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 09-1004 - Authorizing the Expenditure of Previously Designated Monies on Current Expenditures: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-1004, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED BY CITY COUNCIL FOR BRIDGE MAINTENANCE ON GENERAL EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY STREET FUND,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 09-1005 - Taking a Position of Opposition to Initiative 1033: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-1005, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, TAKING A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1033 LIMITING THE GROWTH OF STATE, COUNTY AND CITY "GENERAL FUND" REVENUES RECEIVED FROM TAXES FEES AND OTHER CHARGES NOT EXPRESSLY APPROVED BY VOTERS.' Lengthy Council discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) The contractor for the 13th Avenue project decided to replace the asphalt. 2) My hat is off to Mike Kardas for the work he has done on the skate park project. 3) DECA students did a great job cleaning up the city over the weekend. 4) Employees are having a potluck tomorrow from 11:30 to 1:30. Councilmembers are welcome.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

Mike Kardas: 1) There will be an open house on November 29th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss the West Main Realignment Project. 2) We are hoping to make the finally pours on the skate park next week.

Michael Kerins: 1) The final workshop on the visioning process will be tomorrow at the Kelso High School cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to attend to give their views concerning the vision for Kelso's future. There will be an open house in November to present the information.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) I am proud of our police officers and the work they do. They have been very busy, having generated 780 incident reports, since our last meeting. 2) We have had some calls for community service projects and have worked with those organizations. 3) Officer Marthaller is now off his FTO program and is working by himself in a vehicle.

Brian Butterfield: Last week I had a meeting with a representative from Bank of American concerning accepting credit cards for payments. There would be an average charge of 2% for each transaction. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: 1) Kelso has a great football team this year. The biggest game of the year will be Thursday night in Vancouver with Skyview beginning at 7:00 p.m. 2) CAP is having a fundraiser event called "One Person Can Make A Difference" on Saturday, October 24th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Red Lion. The cost is \$50. CAP bought the corner tavern and will turn it into a bistro. It will be a training center for individuals to learn a new trade.

Rick Von Rock: I attended the Sewer Board meeting. It was a great learning experience.

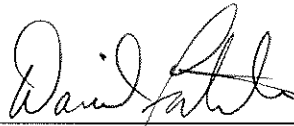
Rick Roberson: 1) The Community Summit will meet November 16th to discuss a regional library. 2) I will attend a meeting in a few weeks to discuss group

purchasing for the municipalities in the cities and county to get discount rates. 3) The skate park looks great.

Gerald Malella: No report

David Futcher: Kurt Sacha, Finance Director for the City of Longview, will join me to discuss Initiative 1033 on the KLTV show "Local Matters" which airs tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK



CITY OF KELSO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

As of This Date October 20, 2009

The City Audit Committee Does

Approve for Payment those Claims included in the above listing, and futher

described below, in the TOTAL AMOUNT of \$ 2,025,459.50

Voucher warrant Numbers: 152943 through 153131

In the Amount of \$ 1,209,293.98

Prepaid Warrant Numbers: 152706-152713 through 152892-152907
152715 152934-152940

In the Amount of \$ 167,945.08

Voided Warrant Numbers: 152933,152941,153000 through 153125,153132

Payroll Deduction/Benefit
Claims Warrant Numbers 152908 through 152932

In the Amount of \$ 340,856.07

Payroll Warrant Numbers: 10266 through 10377
518752 518791

In the Amount of \$ 307,364.37

Voided Warrant Numbers: - through -

SIGNED: Richard Von Rank
Audit Committee

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Audit Committee

Authorized for Payment per Council Action: 2009

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