

Pastor Jim Weddle, Kelso First 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, Myers, Roberson, Karnofski, McDaniel, Malella, and Schimmel (not sworn in yet). Also in attendance was Student Representative Joey Tagliarino.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 11/17/09 Regular Meeting and the 11/17/09 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Mayor Futcher swore in **Gary Schimmel** to the City of Kelso Council Position #6.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Joey Tagliarino, ASB President:** 1) Leadership Teacher, Mr. Davis, has been away for three weeks due to illness. 2) The "Mr. Kelso Can Food Drive" has collected over 2,000 cans for the Community House in Longview. 2) The "Blue and Gold Scrimmage" wrestling event is Thursday December 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:**

**Sandy K. Nanney**, 613 S 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, spoke of the worsening road conditions on South 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. She has yet to see any improvements since she approached the council regarding this matter a couple of months ago. David Sypher said there was some repair work done on South 7<sup>th</sup> since her last request. He will confirm where the city street ends and the private road begins then he will meet with her to see what the city can do to help.

**Betsy Johnson**, 2700 Allen Street, spoke of the litter in the flood plain area of Allen Street. It is an environmental concern.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Establishing a Transportation Benefit District:** The Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE KELSO CITY CODE TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 3.65 KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, SPECIFYING THE

BOUNDARIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, SPECIFYING THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF EXISTING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.' David Sypher said this is an alternative that will provide an opportunity for City to generate revenue for street maintenance. It would be a permanent source of funding to ensure that the city streets get the attention they need. Lengthy Discussion followed.

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 N 7<sup>th</sup>, spoke of the city roads being used by Community Busses and other commuting vehicles that are not owned by those whom live in Kelso city limits. There needs to be more research on this matter. Then bring it as a Public Hearing.

**Jerry Reagor**, 335 Hazel St, spoke of 12% of the property tax going to the County Road Department. The City gets 13% of the property tax for all departments. Would like to see the County get less for their Road Department and the City get more. The sand on the South River Road could be sold to help fund street maintenance. Mayor Futcher said the property on South River Road had already been sold. Jerry Reagor said the streets are just as bad now as they were 40 years ago. It was suppose to change when we got a city manager form of government. The change didn't happen because the cost of salaries for this type of government. We need to go in a different direction.s

**Anthony Currena**: 803 S 6<sup>th</sup>, spoke of the Transportation Benefit District article in the Daily News regarding the \$20 registration fee. Also, asked about having a fee for people that have their vehicle registered out of the area but commute here for work. Spoke of concern for the limited income of senior citizens and the increasing cost of taxes.

Motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading Councilmembers McDaniel and Malella voted yes. Councilmembers Futcher, Karnofski, Myers, Schimmel, and Roberson voted No. Motion failed 2 to 5.

**Ordinance No. 09-3720 – Amending Section 8 of Ordinance No. 3117, Regarding Solid Waste Collection Services:** The Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3720, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 8 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3117, CODIFIED AS KMC 8.04.090, REGARDING SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 09-3721 – Budget Revision #2:** The Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3721, ' AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2009 BUDGET TO REFLECT REVENUES AND

APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER EXPENDITURES OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SAID BUDGET WAS ADOPTED.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 09-1008 - Setting a Public Hearing to Vacate a Portion of Parrott**

**Way:** The Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-1008, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO INITIATING VACATION PROCEEDINGS OF AN ABANDONED PORTION OF PARROT WAY AND PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON PURSUANT TO RCW 35.79,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 09-1009 – Prohibiting Discrimination on the Basis of Sex in**

**Community Athletics Programs:** The Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-1009, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN COMMUNITY ATHLETICS PROGRAMS,' discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 09-1010 - Establishing Youth Sports Head Injury Policy:** The Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Malella, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-1010, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING POTENTIAL HEAD INJURIES CAUSED FROM PARTICIPATION IN YOUTH SPORTS,' discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report

**David Sypher:** 1) Appreciate Council's consideration of the Transportation Benefit District and will continue to provide options for a permanent source of funding to maintain our city streets. 2) Councilmember Malella asked about improving the muddy pathway from Minor Rd to the Skate Park. Mayor Fatcher suggested that a gravel path may promote people to park on Minor Rd instead of Burcham Rd.

**Michael Kerins:** 1) Had a good turn out at the Open House for the new Comprehensive Plan last night. Next step is to bring it to hearing.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Spoke of the recent Washington Police Officer shootings. The Memorial for the Lakewood Officers has been set and someone from the Kelso Department will be attending it.

2) The Police Department has recently lost commission of two vehicles. One is in the process of being replaced. The other one will be repaired in a couple of weeks. 3) "Black Friday" went well. We had extra help from our Reserves with the large crowd at the mall. 4) We are looking forward to the "Tree Lighting Festival" on Friday. 5) Officers have done a great job of volunteering for the "Shop with a Cop" event scheduled December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be over 20 kids serviced this year. 6) Councilmember Malella asked if there was any follow up on the problems that were discussed at the last Regular Council Meeting regarding the Skate Park. Andrew Hamilton said he did receive a few complaints and they have been addressed at the Skate Park. He also met with Tim Mackin, Parks Department, and David Sypher, Public Works Department, about some issues. These issues are being worked out as they arise. At this time, officers are not randomly patrolling the Skate Park after closing.

**Brian Butterfield:** 1) Would like to acknowledge the hard work of the staff in the Finance Department. We have been short handed due to people on leave, vacation or calling in sick. Everyone has done a great job filling in where needed.

**Traci Gowdy:** 1) The "Tree Lighting Festival" is this Friday and it is not too late to volunteer.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Todd McDaniel:** 1) The Kelso School District is honoring Kirby McCoy during half time at the basketball game on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Kelso High School. He is being honored for his commitment to youth sports and his involvement in raising the money for the club house and the batting cage at the Kelso High School Stadium.

**Gary Schimmel:** 1) Thanked staff individually for their hard work and efforts. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Rick Von Rock for his service and efforts during his time on the Council. 2) Looking forward to see what is going to happen next.

**Rick Roberson:** 1) I hope that the recent ambushes of Law Enforcement Officers will no longer continue. 2) Will be late to next Council Meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Dan Myers:** 1) The Depot volunteers have recorded over 2,000 people using the train at the Depot in the last three months. 2) Some of the tiles on the roof at the Depot have cracked and slid off. David Sypher said he is aware of the broken tiles and is in the process of getting the roof repaired.

**John Karnofski:** No report

**Gerald Malella:** No report

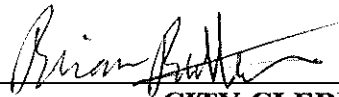
David Futcher: 1) The "Tree Lighting Festival" is Friday.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



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**MAYOR**



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