

Pastor Dave Grauer, Gloria Dei Lutheran 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, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Webb.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/8/11 Special Council Workshop and the 3/15/11 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Chip Seal Agreement with Cowlitz County (not to exceed \$54,000)**
2. **Agreement with Cowlitz County for Herbicide Vegetation Management, Mechanical Vegetation Management, and Striping (not to exceed \$35,060)**
3. **Interlocal Agreement for a Joint Negotiation of Franchises with Cowlitz PUD**
4. **Award the Waterline Replacement Project Construction Contract to Tapani Underground of Battleground in the amount of \$994,534.54**
5. **Renew 3-Year Service Contract with Qwest in the Amount of \$44,286.86**

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Award Paxton Road Water Storage Reservoir Construction Contract to Ward-Henshaw Construction Company in the Amount of \$2,661,794.82

Public Works Director David Sypher reminded Councilmembers the original bids were rejected at the last meeting because some of the bids were not valid. The project was re-advertised and four new bids were received. Ward-Henshaw Construction submitted the lowest bid. David spoke about two additives. The first additive is a valve control system for the regulation between the two reservoirs. The second additive is a booster pump station to provide the local area with supplemental pressure. We promised the Paxton Road residents when we did this new reservoir construction, we would put in a bid for their booster station and give them the opportunity to sign on. If there is not a unanimous agreement among the Paxton Road residents to pay the costs, the item will be deleted from the contract. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Award the Paxton Road Water Storage Reservoir construction contract to Ward-Henshaw Construction Company in the amount of \$2,661,794.82, consisting of the base bid and both additives.' A short discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) If you want to escape some of the things going on in the world, visit the Kelso Library. It will brighten your day. I visited the library last week and there were about sixty children and their parents at the reading program. 2) A copy of the Kelso Senior News was handed out. The Senior Center is flourishing. Kathleen Johnson is the president of the senior group. Her husband, Len, is over there almost every day volunteering. Len, with the help of other volunteers, has put in two bathrooms and a large kitchen.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: The Airport Governance agreement is moving forward. A draft has been circulated to the other entities. We have received comments from the Port of Longview and the City of Longview, but are waiting to hear from the County. When all the comments have been received, we will present a draft to the FAA. I will be bringing something to Council at a later date.

David Sypher: 1) We have been working with two contractors to get the mess cleaned up on Ross Street, where a failing sewer line caused a large sinkhole in the street. The emergency work has been done so residents won't have to worry about losing their sewer service. The first run of bursting pipe will go in on Wednesday morning. It will be an interesting process watching a 20-inch pipe get pulled through an 18-inch opening. 2) Our 2011 Overlay and the Streetlight Program are both out for bids which will open on April 8th. 3) Some of the America Recovery Act money was not used, so we are trying to get some grant money for our streetlight program. 4) We are working on the Burcham Street staircase removal. There are lots of issues. A short discussion followed.

Michael Kerins: 1) We will be reviewing a zoning application for Toyland Auto Restoration, a new business on South Pacific. The owner has moved here from Wisconsin. Some of his old customers are shipping their cars to him from Wisconsin to be restored. The business should be opening soon. 2) I have been talking to several business owners who are planning to do some remodeling.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) We have issued 419 cards since January 15th with 95 purchased from people living outside the city. 2) Busloads of senior citizens have been coming for tours. Many seniors have purchased new cards because of the accessibility at the new location. 3) Last month 1,122 people used our computers and 480 children and their parents attended our story time. A total of 6,547 people walked through our doors last month. 4) We are gearing up for our summer reading program, *One World - Many Stories*, a multi-cultural theme. We will also be doing some big programs inside the mall.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) The Citizens' Academy is going well. 2) Students in the Police Science Class are working to obtain their CPR and first aid cards. 3) As you saw in the

newspaper, our patrol and detectives have been busy with a shooting and the three-person train fatality. Our officers responded quickly and saved one man's life. We had lots of aid from the other entities. 4) We are staying within our overtime budget so far this year.

Brian Butterfield: The auditors are scheduled to come in on Monday to audit our federal programs. I am working on the financial statements, which they will audit later.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: The KDRA Social went very well, with approximately twenty-four people attending.

Gary Schimmel: As promised several weeks ago, I have given Councilmembers some historical information showing some percentages as to how Kelso citizens voted on various tax issues.

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: No report

Dan Myers: No report

James Webb: I attended the Parks Board Meeting and there are some good things happening at Tam O'Shanter. Some batting cages are being built, which will be a nice addition to the park. Hopefully we will get some good weather and some games will be played.

David Futcher: It was exciting to see some earth being moved down south of the wye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss a potential litigation issue. The Executive session is expected to last approximately five minutes and no action will be taken. At 7:27 p.m. the Council convened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

History of Kelso citizen's votes on tax issues

	2010	2010	2010	2010	2010	2009	2008	2007
	I-1053 / Y	I-1098 / N	I-1107 / Y	R-52 / R	Kelso SD	I-1033 / N	CUBS	I-960 / Y
Academy	74	65	70	63	65	54	52	55
Barnes	69	59	74	59	51	44	54	53
Butler	67	61	55	54	68	61	49	48
Cedar	68	61	72	63	58	53	53	58
Chestnut	73	65	75	62	52	51	53	55
Coweemar	70	66	65	61	66	55	57	52
Harris	73	58	64	61	63	60	48	56
Wallace	74	62	71	62	50	47	47	55
WestKelso	69	62	74	54	59	57	58	54

I-1053	2/3 majority needed to raise taxes or voter approval
I-1098	income tax
I-1107	end sales taxes on candy, water, beverages
R-52	fund bonds for school energy projects
Kelso SD	levy
I-1033	limit growth of revenue to annual inflation & pop. growth
CUBS	levy
I-960	2/3 majority needed to raise taxes or voter approval