

Missionary Chuck Rentz, East Hills Missionary Alliance Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. The regular meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futcher, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the 12/19/06 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Contract Closeout with Lakeside Industries for the Kelso Drive Resurfacing Grade Street to Carroll Road Project in the Amount of \$375,725.28: Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Close out contract with Lakeside Industries for the Kelso Drive Resurfacing Grade Street to Carroll Road Project,' motion carried, all voting yes.

APPOINTMENTS:

City Council Committee/Board Assignments: The following changes need to be made to the list of Boards and Commissions: 1) The Sewer Operating Board meets the 2nd Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Sewer Treatment Plan. Councilmember Slater should be listed as the alternate. 2) The Airport Authority meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. 3) Remove Councilmember Futcher and add Councilmember McDaniel to the City Audit Committee.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: No Report

David Sypher: 1) In the absence of a planning director, we will need to get a consultant to do plan reviews. 2) Councilmember Wheeler asked the status of Roley Court drainage. Public Works Director David Sypher explained the drainage issue and will take another look at the area. 3) Councilmember Chester feels there is a need for another person in Community Development to do plan reviews and nuisance abatement. Mayor Gregory suggested funding a position in the Police Department to handle Nuisance Abatement, which some other cities are doing. It was the consensus of the Council to set up several workshops to discuss some changes in the Community Development Department and other subjects such as opening the Aldercrest area to the public. **The first workshop will be on Tuesday, January 23, at 6:00 p.m.** 4) Councilmember Wheeler asked for an update on the traffic signals on Allen Street by Kelso High School. Public Works Director Sypher will check on the status. 5) David Sypher said the old sewer treatment

plant near the Kelso Dairy Queen was sold to a new property owner. Councilmember Slater said the property needs to be cleaned up.

Geraldine de Rooy: 1) We are beginning to interview for the new Library position. 2) Mayor Gregory asked if a committee was being formed to look for property for a new library. Geraldine said this will be discussed at the Library Board Meeting next week.

Doug Taylor: No Report

Cindy Keeney: No Report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: I think at one of our workshops we should look at LID's in North Kelso.

Joe Wheeler: 1) I want to have some town hall meetings in my East Kelso District and I have asked the Finance Department to send out some notices in the water bills. 2) I have been explaining the soccer field situation to citizens.

John Karnofski: No Report

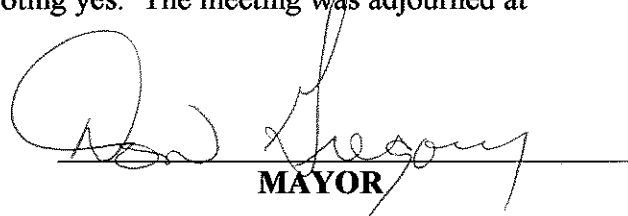
David Futcher: No Report

Mark Chester: Several lights are out on the North Kelso bike path.

Alan Slater: 1) Take a look at the Lexington Bridge which will positively impact West Kelso. 2) The people living north of Kelso need to form a sewer district to become part of the sewer treatment plant. 3) President Gerald Ford was an outstanding man who brought the nation together and solved some major problems.

Don Gregory: 1) Reminded Councilmembers of ward assignments. 2) Remember the workshop set for Tuesday, January 23, at 6:00 p.m.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


MAYOR


DEPUTY CITY CLERK