

Pastor Marv Kasemire, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futchter led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futchter. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futchter, Karnofski, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, Malella, and Student Representative Jim McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 9/16/08 Regular Meeting and the 9/30/08 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jim McDaniel: ASB is holding weekly council meetings. Club presidents will give presentations explaining their upcoming plans.

KDRA REPORT:

Mike Julian, KDRA President: 1) KDRA has grown to about fifty members. 2) The next event will be a Veterans' Day celebration on November 11th. The Kelso Eagles will have a pancake breakfast and the Kelso/Longview Elks will hold a candlelight ceremony. A memorial ceremony with honor guards presented by the VFW Post 3017 will begin at noon at the Kelso Commons Park. Kids can enter a coloring contest at Kelso City Hall. 3) The Lodging Tax Committee will be requesting money for the next motorcycle event. 4) A group went to Camas to meet with their Chamber to see how some of their programs have worked.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futchter read a proclamation declaring October 16, 2008, as "**Lights on Afterschool Day**" in the City of Kelso. Janalee Ensley, Assistant Executive Director with Youth and Family Link, accepted the proclamation. She spoke about providing safe, challenging, and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural, and academic skills.

PROCLAMATION AND PRESENTATION:

Mayor Futchter read a proclamation declaring the week of October 19, 2008, through October 25, 2008, to be "**Adult Literacy Week**" in the City of Kelso. Chastity Clark, Special Programs Coordinator of the Lower Columbia College Transitional Studies Department, accepted the proclamation and gave a power point presentation regarding adult basic education. They are hosting an event in recognition of Adult Literacy Week on October 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Greg Prothman – Interim and Permanent City Manager Hiring Process:

Mr. Prothman spoke about his background and explained the process he intends to use to help Councilmembers select an interim City Manager and permanent City Manager. He stated the interim period can provide an outstanding time to get an outside assessment for the City's strengths and weaknesses. Lengthy Council discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Mayor Fatcher act as Mr. Prothman's contact person. Greg Prothman will present candidates for the interim City Manager to be interviewed in open session at the October 21st Council Meeting. Interviews for the permanent City Manager will take place around the end of January, with the candidate coming on board by the end of February or the middle of March.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Linda Curry, 253 Crescent Drive, spoke about the recycling bins by Rite Aid often being full and asked about the possibility of coordinating a recycling program with Longview. Mayor Fatcher said a major issue would be the extra cost to citizens. He also gave the locations of other recycling centers in Kelso. Linda also spoke about the need for guard rails on 23rd near Crescent Drive. The street slopes and it is dangerous when slick.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Budget Process: City Manager Paul Brachvogel told the Council this year is going to be a difficult year for the 2009-2010 budget. Revenues are projected to be very low and the City is facing challenges in staffing, various projects, and services. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to schedule a Special Budget Workshop on Wednesday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

With Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher appointed **Linda Curry** to the **Library Board**, with a term ending December 31, 2011. With Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher appointed **Bob Farr** to the **Library Board**. Bob's term will end December 31, 2010.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 08-983 – Revising the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Pass Resolution No. 08-983, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A REVISED SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.' Public

Works Director David Sypher said this revision to the Six-Year TIP will obligate an additional \$190,750 of federal aid money. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Contract with Gibbs and Olson to Complete the General Sewer Master Plan: Public Works Director Sypher said this management plan will identify the necessary capital improvement projects related to the City's sewer system. The current 1997 plan, which is out of date, needs to be updated to allow future grant opportunities. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Authorize the contract in the amount of \$136,730 with Gibbs and Olson to update the General Sewer Master Plan.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) For Art Sake! Inc. has given the City of Kelso four original photographs by studio artist Rebecca Western, owner and founder of the newest gallery in Gig Harbor. 2) A special meeting about 'Do's and Don'ts for Councilmembers will be Wednesday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m. 3) An Executive Session will be needed to discuss a real estate matter.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) The preliminary drafts for the skate park have been received. Citizens are invited to attend a stakeholders meeting to discuss the plans on Thursday, October 16, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 2) We will be receiving a \$600,000 grant for painting the Coweeman Bridge. 3) Councilmember Slater spoke about his concerns with the diking district.

Michael Kerins: 1) A pre-application meeting with Fairway Vista is being planned in about a week to disclose their proposal for their property on River Road. 2) Pacific Tech is almost ready to break ground on their 13th Avenue property. 3) We are making progress with the Planning Commission concerning subdivision and zoning ordinance updates.

Geraldine de Rooy: I want to thank Linda Curry and Bob Farr for representing the citizens on the Library Board.

Andy Hamilton: No report

Brian Butterfield: No report

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report

Rick Roberson: 1) The KDRA trip to Camas was very worthwhile. 2) The Town Hall meeting on September 24th at Wallace School was a success. Many issues were discussed such as the Citizens Concern Form, railroad quiet zones, capital improvement plan, skate park, traffic concerns at Wallace School, and Council goals. Thanks to Mayor Futcher and David Sypher for attending the Town Hall meeting.

Alan Slater: Spoke about the need for shelters at the bus stops.

Dan Myers: No report

Gerald Malella: No report

John Karnofski: No report

David Futcher: Yesterday I attended a meeting that Rosemary Siipola from COG coordinated with the transit people. The goal of the meeting was to figure out how to get staffing back at the train depot and getting Greyhound back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

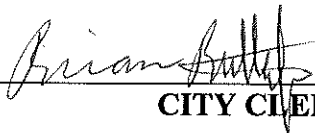
The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss a real estate issue. At 8:50 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Mayor Futcher said an offer has been received to purchase city-owned property on South Pacific in the amount of \$85,000. Records will need to be checked to determine if the property has been declared surplus. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, **'Authorize the City Manager to sell the piece of property adjacent to the Watkins property in the amount of \$85,000 and take the steps needed to accomplish the task.'** Councilmembers Slater, Myers, Roberson, Karnofski, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel and Malella voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



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