

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, Slater, Malella, Roberson, Karnofski, Myers, and McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the minutes of the 10/7/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Daniel R. Salata, 161 Vermillion Rd, a member of the Boy Scouts, introduced himself to Councilmembers. Daniel is working on his Citizenship Merit Badge.

Ken Spring, 1434 33rd, Longview, complimented City Manager Paul Brachvogel for his decision to cooperate with the Police Guild regarding the Chief of Police selection.

Steve Shoff, 2612 Taylor Avenue, Longview, an advocate of the airport, spoke about the Kelso/Longview Airport and his support of Denny Wise, the FBO Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,628,407.45

Liquor License Renewal: Border Stop Market, 424 Long Avenue

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,628,407.45,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

City of Kelso Website Launch: Oscar Myre, owner of om Originals, presented Kelso's new website which can be located at www.kelso.gov. Mr. Myre created six sub-sites, a website for each individual department. Four key areas that will make Kelso's website a success are good design, editing tools, training, and support.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Interim City Manager Interviews: Mayor Futcher said Councilmembers would be interviewing only two candidates. Dan Bartlett removed his name from the list of candidates because his current interim position lasted longer than he expected. Greg Prothman, owner of the Prothman Group search firm, introduced the two candidates, Denny Richards and Ken Carter. Mr. Prothman, who acted as the facilitator for the

interviews, said both candidates would be interviewed separately. Mayor Futcher asked each candidate a series of prepared questions followed by Councilmembers' questions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss the qualifications of the candidates. At 8:36 p.m. the Council reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Appoint Denny Richards to the Interim City Manager position,' motion carried, all voting yes. Mr. Richards will begin working on Paul's last day, October 24th, so information can be shared.

MOTION ITEMS:

(Ordinance (1st Reading) – Sale of Certain Real Property: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO DIRECTING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 511 AND 519 S. PACIFIC, KELSO, WASHINGTON.' Mayor Futcher said this partial lot is near Watkins Tractor. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, Slater, Roberson, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel and Malella voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2. It was the consensus of the Council to amend the ordinance for second reading by adding the sales price in the amount of \$85,000.

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with Waste Management, Inc., (Waste Control): Mayor Futcher said Waste Control owes the City of Kelso \$50,196.57 as a result of miscalculated recycle commodity reimbursements due to personnel transitions at Waste Control in December of 2005. The payment agreement was discussed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Waste Management, Inc.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

2008 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Request: Mayor Futcher said this \$5,500 request is for the Kelso Tree Lighting Event. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Kelso Tree Lighting \$5,500 request.' Discussion followed. Patty Murray, the Tree Lighting Chairman, spoke about some of the ways the money will be used to beautify the downtown area for the holiday season. Motion carried, all voting yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: The City recently recalculated the impervious areas of the City's commercial parcels. Some parcels had more impervious area and some had less than was previously established. Around 400 letters have been sent out informing citizens of the revised impervious area calculations. Council discussion followed.

Mike Kerins: 1) Several agencies met a few weeks ago to discuss the quiet zone issue. The cost would be \$450,000 to bring the two crossings up to standards to qualify for a quiet zone. An alternative would be to install stationary horns at the crossings at a cost of \$150,000. 2) The Aldercrest Committee will be making some preliminary recommendations to Council concerning the need for getting some assessments. The purpose of the assessments is to understand what needs to be done to stabilize the area and to determine if it is appropriate for foot paths.

Wayne Nelson: 1) We are in process of handing out the \$33,000 worth of portable radios we received from the Homeland Security Grant. 2) Phil Weismiller graduated from the Basic Law Enforcement Academy today. Phil also won an award. He was chosen by his classmates to be the person officers would want to have with them on the most dangerous calls.

Brian Butterfield: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: Friday, October 24th, is Kelso's Homecoming.

Rick Roberson: No report

Alan Slater: No report

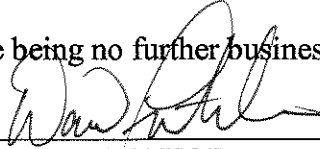
Dan Myers: 1) I am on the committee to select individuals who would like to improve Kelso's image and be involved with the city branding. 2) Bill Ammons gave me a letter to give to City Manager Paul Brachvogel thanking him for his efforts.

Gerald Malella: No report

John Karnofski: No report

David Futcher: No report

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK