

Pastor Marv Kasemire, New Song Worship Center, 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, Myers, Karnofski, McDaniel, Wheeler, and Roberson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/1/08 Special Workshop and the 3/4/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Rosemary Sippola, Transportation Planner/ Manager with the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments, spoke about the Talley Way Corridor Plan. COG will be providing the project management and Jerry Sorrell will be the project manager. Discussion followed.

APPOINTMENTS:

Kelso Housing Authority Board: With the consensus of the Council, Mayor Futcher reappointed **Elmer (Budd) Reschke** to the Kelso Housing Authority Board.

Aldercrest, DNR Trust Land Advisory Board: Mayor Futcher said twenty applications were received for the board positions. A resolution, which was passed recently, authorizes seven members to be named to the board. Due to the amount of interest, discussion followed concerning the possibility of allowing more people to be on the board. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Amend Resolution 08-966 by changing from a seven-member board to a fifteen-member board.' Discussion followed.

The following people spoke from the audience:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon, spoke in favor of including all the applicants.

Keith Lawrence, 1413 Beshel Heights, spoke in favor of the larger group.

Joyce Craven, 2794 Allen, spoke in favor of appointing all applicants.

Councilmember Wheeler amended his motion and Councilmember Myers amended the second, 'Change the previous motion from a fifteen-member board to a twenty-member board,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the Mayor to appoint the twenty applicants to the Aldercrest, DNR Trust Land Advisory Board.' The applicants are as follows:

Larry Alexander	Brian Boucher	Bary Bruner	David Cordero
Joyce Craven	William Helm	Patrick Hill	C. Mel Jewell
Keith Lawrence	Bill Lehning	Marilyn McGhee	Leigh McKeirnan
Joshua Meacham	Cameron Murphy	Larry Peterson	Connie Sari
Phil Sari	Eric Shew	Ron Spahman	Richard Woods

Motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Monte Roden, 177 Scenic View Drive, Longview, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Recreation Council concerning fireworks stands and how the profits from their fireworks sales are used to benefit local citizens.

Scott DeRosier, 100 Jones Court, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Recreation Council concerning fireworks stands and the City of Kelso's ordinance.

Karen Gower, of American Promotional Events, stated she has worked for thirty-nine years with the clubs and organizations that sell fireworks. She suggested Councilmembers should put this issue on hold and check the state law.

Karen Lawrence, 1413 Beshel Heights, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association. Karen thanked the Council and staff for their support and encouraged anyone who is interested to become a member. The next meeting will be tomorrow, March 19, at the Kelso Depot beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Futch called a short recess to allow citizens who did not want to stay for the entire meeting to leave at this time. After the recess, Mayor Futch called the meeting back to order.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,552,412.38

Firework Permits: 1) Kelso Recreation Council 2) Kelso Kiwanis 3) Calvary Community Church

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Remove the firework permits from the consent agenda to allow City Manager Paul Brachvogel to check the Washington code. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,552,412.38,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Family Life Pastor Bill Baker and Youth Pastor Paul Bricknell of Calvary Community Church, introduced themselves and spoke about how the profits from the fireworks sales help the community.

PRESENTATIONS:

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue: Assistant Chief Alan Headley, gave the 2007 Yearly Report. Discussion followed.

Kelso Police Department: Chief Wayne Nelson, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the 2007 Yearly Report. Discussion followed.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N.7th, asked Chief Nelson to clarify some information concerning the police responses at the Three Rivers Mall.

MOTION ITEMS:

Authorize the City Manager to Sign Planning Services Contract with Berger/ABAM Engineers, Inc.: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the planning services contract with Berger/ABAM Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$43,976.81. Mayor Futchter said the contract with Berger/ABAM, which is funded through a \$75,000 Competitive Grant through the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, is needed to help revise the City zoning and subdivision ordinances. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorization for the City Manager to Sign a Contract with Interlocking Software: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Interlocking Software Division of Paladin Data Systems in the amount of \$51,750.00.' Mayor Futchter said the software should help in tracking projects. Community Development Director Mike Kerins said this company will provide technical support whenever it is needed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Special Services Contract Between CWCOCG and the City of Kelso for the Talley Way Corridor Study: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Special Services Contract with the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOCG) for the Talley Way Corridor Study project management.' City Manager Brachvogel said this contract,

which is a budgeted item, is imperative to the growth of the City. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Requests: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the recommendation of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for funding to the Kelso Pow Wow in the amount of \$500.00 and the Columbia Theatre in the amount of \$15,000.00.' A short discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) A letter from Thomas Hanson, Chairman of PAC 10, was read concerning the recent ceremony honoring Joe Moses. 2) The Kelso Housing Authority will give a presentation at our April 1st Council Meeting. 3) The City of Longview held a workshop last night to hear the results of the anonymous visit last month by the consultants hired to give Longview and Kelso a "brand." An article in the Daily News explains how visitors perceive Longview and Kelso. We will have a special meeting on April 22 to learn about their visit to Kelso. 4) We will be getting some results back soon for the grant-funded projects for the Yew Street Crossing and the West Main Realignment. 5) Our website needs to be redone and I am in process of getting some requests for proposals.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) The 2008 Overlay will be advertised Wednesday. 2) Advertising will begin in about two weeks for the Tam O'Shanter parking lot project. 3) We are moving forward with the Kelso Engineering Design Manual. The first meeting had a light attendance so another meeting is scheduled for April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. 4) Each week, the website is updated to show the projects for the past week as well as the upcoming week. The overlay project, which can be found under "Transportation Plans," is also being updated.

Mike Kerins: 1) We have started to publish and solicit comments on the draft permit review ordinance. 2) I attended the Longview branding workshop last night and I can't wait to hear what they have to say about Kelso.

Geraldine de Rooy: We are in the final stages of the Cowlitz Reads Grant that we wrote for last year and now we are working towards the 2009 grant. I plan to see if Kelso Rotary would like to partner with us.

Wayne Nelson: 1) The partnership we have with Cowlitz 2 is very special. A ride-a-long has been set up between the two departments which will help us to see things from a different perspective. 2) Thursday, March 20th, the Lower Columbia College will sponsor the Hope and Justice Conference which deals with domestic violence. Bebe

McCall will receive an award and a plaque at a ceremony beginning at 2:00 p.m. Ralph Hines will also receive an honorable mention award.

Brian Butterfield: The State Auditors will be here the first of April to begin their annual audit. One of the projects they will be looking at is the airport project.

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: Spoke about some amazing exhibits at the Seattle Art Museum. The Gates of Paradise can be viewed through April 6th and the Roman Art from the Louvre can be viewed through May 11.

John Karnofski: No report

Dan Myers: I have been reading a book called *Measuring Up*. This very interesting book about City Government is owned by the City and can be checked out.

Rick Roberson: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) The staff is doing a great job keeping Tam O'Shanter Park clean. It would be good to have a couple more garbage cans. 2) The dug-outs are missing at the T-ball field. Public Works Director Sypher will see if he can locate them.

Joe Wheeler: I will have a town hall meeting on Monday, April ~~7~~¹⁴, in the Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

David Futcher: No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:10 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



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