

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso United Methodist 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, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Malella.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the minutes of the 6/12/08 Special Meeting and the 6/17/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Joe Wheeler Appreciation: Mayor Futcher presented a plaque to **Joe Wheeler** in honor of his fifteen years of service as a Kelso City Councilmember. Joe accepted the plaque and thanked Kelso citizens for their support.

Charisma Productions, Web Site Development: Anne O'Connor and Jason Rogen presented a power point presentation of their web site proposal.

OM Originals, Web Site Development: Oscar and Michelle Myre presented a power point presentation of their web site proposal.

Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to establish a committee to interview the candidates concerning their web site proposals. Mayor Futcher and Councilmembers Karnofski and Myers volunteered to be on the committee.

Mark Plotkin, Tourism Bureau: Mark spoke about producing a new tourism brochure for Kelso. The Tourism Bureau is proposing an eight-panel brochure featuring Kelso. The City has already committed \$4,000. Discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Reallocate the \$4,000 to print the Kelso tourism brochure,' motion carried, all voting yes,** City Manager Paul Brachvogel will work with Mark and a draft of the brochure will be brought back to Council before it goes to print.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Paxton Road Reservoir Discussion: City Manager Brachvogel spoke about the reservoir siting for the proposed new reservoir, adjacent to the existing Paxton Road reservoir. A letter received from Kennedy/Jenks indicated it would be necessary to acquire property adjacent to the existing reservoir facility. The letter stated the property at 246 Paxton Road is for sale; however, word has just been received that the property may have been sold. This will be brought back to Council in a couple of weeks. Discussion followed.

MOTION ITEM:**Ordinance No. 08-3686 – Talley Way and Colorado Street Development Standards:**

The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 08-3686, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO SUSPENDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AND OTHER FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENTS ALONG TALLEY WAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEW DEVELOPMENT PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE TALLEY WAY CORRIDOR STUDY AND THE ADOPTION OF ROAD AND FRONTAGE IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

KDRA REPORT: Mike Julian, President of KDRA, said the committee has grown to about forty members. The committee is in process of planning events downtown for Halloween, the Highlander Festival, and the Kelso Tree Lighting. A contest to encourage the beautification of the downtown area with some flowers and pots is also being planned. Councilmember Roberson said a skateboard event with food vendors is being planned in August.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) The Aldercrest Committee has decided to meet the third week of each month. Community Development Director Mike Kerins will attend the meetings and will report to Council. 2) An Executive Session will be needed to discuss property acquisition. 3) Due to insurance issues, I will be working with Councilmember Roberson to determine if the skateboard event KDRA is planning can be a City event. 4) Mike Kardas, who was recently hired as our Senior Engineer, will report to Public Works Director David Sypher. David will assume the duties of the City Engineer. 5) I would like to set up some WCIA training on land use with Jeff Myers of Law, Lyman, et al, and training concerning "do's and don'ts" for Councilmembers. It was the consensus of the Council to set the meeting for Tuesday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. 6) A dedication will be held on Wednesday, July 9th, at 3:00 p.m., to honor former Senator Sid Snyder, a Kelso native son. The City will dedicate a bench and plaque in his honor in front of City Hall.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mike Kerins: Burlington Northern has been working with us concerning quiet zones. Some information was given to Councilmembers explaining several options to comply with their requirements concerning safety issues. Some figures showing the costs will be brought to Council at a later date.

Geraldine de Rooy: The school-age children have responded well to our invitation to visit the library, and we are very busy.

Verne Thompson: 1) I am excited to see we are moving forward with the creation of a new web site. 2) National Night Out will be August 5th. The public is encouraged to attend.

Brian Butterfield: Paul and Shelly have been successful in allowing us to have the Council Agenda on the screen. Barry Shrum, our IT person, has provided access to the general ledger from this station, which will allow me to pull up information during the Council Meetings as needed.

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: No report

Rick Roberson: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) Head Start is enrolling kids. If you have questions, call 442-2800. 2) The spray park has been very busy during this hot weather. I hope we can add more features.

Gary Malella: No report

Dan Myers: 1) I attended a very informative annexation meeting. 2) I suggested we give recognition to people who have improved their property, so I would like to commend Dr. Houten. He has worked hard to improve his property, as well as some of the adjoining property.

Al Slater: Spoke about the Peter Crawford property which was featured in the Daily News.

David Futcher: I attended the AWC Convention concerning the Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records.

REVIEW OF WORKSHOP GOALS:

Mayor Futcher prepared a list of the top twenty-one goals taken from the list of forty-seven ideas that were suggested by Councilmembers at the special workshop on, Thursday, June 12th. The goals were presented on the screen for all to view, along with some action steps to help accomplish each goal. Discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:13 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Fitcher adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.



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