

Pastor Scott Olin, New Hope City 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, Malella, McDaniel, and Roberson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 7/1/08 Regular Meeting and the 7/9/08 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Chief of Police Wayne Nelson congratulated **Officer Ernie Moore**, who is retiring from the Kelso Police Department with thirty-four years of service. Wayne read numerous comments from Ernie's personnel file which show Ernie has a heart for all people. He is a model police officer. Mayor Futcher read a proclamation honoring Officer Moore. Ernie accepted the proclamation and thanked his wife and son for always being there for him. There will be a reception honoring Officer Moore on Wednesday, July 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

CWCOG, Results of Open House – West Main Realignment: Rosemary Siipola, Transportation Planner/Manager with the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, spoke about the successful open house held on June 5th, which was attended by area business and property owners to discuss the West Main Realignment Plan. She said the money has come in and it is time to move forward.

Report on the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce's Management of the Kelso Visitors' Center: Rick Winsman, Chief Executive Officer of the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce, handed out information showing the expenditures for the Kelso Visitors' Center from 2003 to present. The staff has been busy making people feel welcome and giving out information to over 4,400 travelers so far this year. Internal and external improvements continue to be made. The Visitors' Center needs to be replaced, and Mr. Winsman would like to have a new facility by 2010.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Terry Sillik, 311 N. 19th Avenue, spoke about his involvement with the facility. His wife, Anna, was the Visitors' Center Director for around fifteen years and he often volunteered doing much-needed maintenance work at the center. Mr. Sillik spoke in favor of keeping the facility at the present location.

Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,170,757.30

Liquor License Renewals: 1) El Charrito Restaurant, 300 S. Pacific; 2) Fraternal Order of Eagles, 609 S. Pacific; 3) Safeway #2637, 411 Three Rivers Dr.; 4) West Main Pub & Grill, 404 W. Main *Removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately;* 5) Safeway #2637 Fuel, 419 Three Rivers Dr.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,170,757.30,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Chief Nelson spoke about reoccurring problems at **West Main Pub & Grill**, located at 404 W. Main. He recommended filing an objection to the renewal of their liquor license based upon multiple responses for the past five months involving over service, sales to minors, multiple assaults and disputes, drug arrests, and a general animosity towards police officers. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Move to file an objection to renew the liquor license for West Main Pub & Grill.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Approval of Six-Year Capital Improvement Program 2008-2013: Public Works Director David Sypher presented the final copy of the Six-Year CIP. The staff uses this program to help in the budget process, qualify for grants, and track the needs in the City. The program estimates that capital facility costs in the next six years, if all projects are completed, will be approximately \$79,153,000. Urgent projects totaling \$17,295,000 are arterial improvement, city streets, drainage, sewer, and water. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski 'Approve the Capital Improvement Program.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-978 - Approve the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program 2008-2013: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 08-978, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF 2008-2013,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-979 - Declare Surplus Property (2003 Crown Victoria): The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 08-979 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING

CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.’ Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Agreement for Professional Services with om Originals for Web Site Redesign:

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with om Originals.’ Mayor Futch, Councilmembers Karnofski and Myers, City Manager Brachvogel, and other staff members met with candidates from Charisma Productions and om Originals to discuss their web site proposals. The proposal from om Originals was unanimously chosen by the group. The cost to develop the web site will not exceed \$14,500 and there will be an annual fee of \$2,475 for hosting the web site. Discussion followed. City Attorney Brachvogel suggested adding a “work for hire clause” which allows the City to own the content developed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Amend the original motion to add the clause “work for hire” to the contract.’ Both motions passed, all voting yes.

Request for Reconsideration of Liquor License for El Tucan: City Manager Paul Brachvogel reminded Councilmembers a previous request for consideration of a liquor license was denied. A letter was received from Antonio M. Aguilar concerning the City’s objection of his liquor license application. The owners of the business and the building have asked for the Council to reconsider their application since they have changed the proposed use of the building. Part of the building will be used for banquets and private parties. A resolution is also being brought to Council tonight for consideration. Discussion followed.

Resolution - Stating Qualified Endorsement of Liquor License Approval (El Tucan 409 S. Pacific): The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Councilmember Roberson moved and Councilmember McDaniel seconded the motion to pass the resolution, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO CITY COUNCIL STATING ITS QUALIFIED ENDORSEMENT OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL.’

Bill Behrens, 409 S. Pacific, Suite 300, spoke about Antonio Aguilar’s plan to change the type of operation he plans for the business known as El Tucan. He also stated minors will not be allowed in the establishment after 10:00 p.m.

Antonio Aguilar, Proprietor of El Tucan, introduced himself and offered to answer questions.

Discussion followed concerning the proposed resolution. Councilmembers Slater and Roberson voted yes. Councilmembers Malella, McDaniel, Karnofski, Myers, and Futch voted no. Motion failed 2 to 5.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Malella, moved to 'Recommend approval of the liquor license for El Tucan,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) We are working on the priority items that were presented at the Council Goal Setting Workshop. 2) Chief of Police Wayne Nelson has announced his intent to retire March 31, 2009. 3) An Executive Session will be needed to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) Information continues to be updated and posted on the web site for citizens to view. 2) I want to express my appreciation to the staff for their hard work putting together the CIP. 3) An update of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe at Grade Crossing was given. 4) Minutes and an agreement concerning the West Main Realignment project will be presented to Council soon. 5) Two design team finalists for the skate park will be interviewed this week. 6) Street crews are working hard crack sealing. 7) Consultants for the master plan are being considered. 8) The airport master plan is progressing well. 9) The Talley Way Corridor Study is gearing up. 10) Councilmember Malella commented about the signs at Tam O'Shanter being painted gray right before a tournament. 11) Councilmember Slater said the house and lawn at 7th & Crawford needs to be cleaned up. 12) Councilmember Slater said the bench that was refinished for Senator Sid Snyder's Dedication looks great, but the other benches also need to be refinished. Dirt and debris under the benches need to be cleaned up also.

Mike Kerins: 1) An inventory of the downtown properties was handed out. 2) Today we went live with the permit tracking software.

Geraldine de Rooy: All the teenagers in the area are invited to come to the Kelso Library Friday evening, July 18th, for the third annual Teen Rockin/Lockin.

Wayne Nelson: 1) All citizens are encouraged to attend the National Night Out festivities at Tam O'Shanter Park on Tuesday, August 5th, sponsored by the Kelso Police Department and the City of Kelso, in an effort to reduce crime. There will be free food, games, and kid-friendly activities. The City Council will also hold the regularly-scheduled council meeting at the park during the festivities. 2) Wayne submitted a letter to City Manager Brachvogel stating his intent to retire March 31, 2009. Wayne said he wanted to give his notice now so the City can begin the process to select someone to fill the position. Kelso has only had three police chiefs in thirty-six years. 3) All are invited to attend the open house on July 23rd to honor Officer Ernie Moore, who is retiring

Brian Butterfield: 1) The auditor left Friday; however, she may come back for a few more hours if needed. 2) Budget season is coming up. Estimated salary schedules are currently being developed.

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: The skateboard event we had hoped to have is currently on hold due to some insurance issues. Some other downtown events are being scheduled.

Gerald Malella: Gerald asked if the Council was considering the offer made by representatives from Lacey and Leavenworth. Several weeks ago Councilmembers were invited to visit the Lacey Train Station that uses volunteers to man their station. Also, the mayor of Leavenworth volunteered to talk about train station improvements. Community Development Director Mike Kerins will make some contacts and see if he can set up something.

Todd McDaniel: Kelso is very fortunate to have a great police force. They are courteous and professional and they do a good job keeping the citizens safe.

Alan Slater: The Kelso Police Department does an outstanding job.

John Karnofski: No report

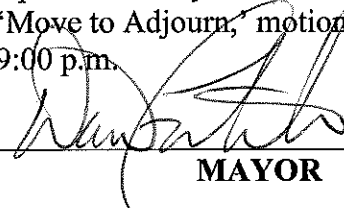
Dan Myers: 1) I would like to visit the Lacey Train Station if something is set up. 2) Thanked Community Development Director Mike Kerins for the great report he handed out showing the downtown properties

David Futcher: Citizens are encouraged to donate food to benefit CAP. On August 2nd, food items can be dropped off at Fibre's new Operation Center at 796 Commerce. Free hot dogs will be served.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:54 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and real estate acquisition. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Malella, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



MAYOR



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