

Pastor Chris Davis, Abundant Life Nazarene Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Don Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Slater, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futcher, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the minutes of the 7/3/07 Regular Meeting and the 7/10/07 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,513,058.58

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,513,058.58,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 07-3650 – Regulating Franchise Fees and Extending the Agreement with U.S. Sprint for Six Months: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3650, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPEALING SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NO. 87-3080, WHICH SECTION IMPOSED FRANCHISE FEES TO U.S. SPRINT, AND FURTHER EXTENDING THE CURRENT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 07-942 - Cancelling Certain Warrants of the City: The City Clerk read the resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve Resolution No. 07-942, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO CANCELLING CERTAIN WARRANTS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.56.040,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Project 58401 North Pacific Ave. Reconstruction Reconciliation Change Order with Creagan Excavating, Inc.: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Close out the North Pacific Ave. Reconstruction Project with Creagan Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$1,317,230.54,' motion carried, all voting yes.

North Kelso Sewer Rehab – Phase 4 Reconciliation Change Order with Creagan Excavating, Inc.: Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by

Councilmember McDaniel, 'Close out the North Kelso Sewer Rehab Project with Creagan Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$844,509.63,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings – Oldham Heights 76.65

Acres: T. J. Keiran, Senior Planner from the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, presented the proposal and asked the Council to set a meeting date to discuss the proposed annexation. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Set the meeting with the initiating parties for August 21st during the regular Council Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes. Discussion followed.

SPECIAL MEETING SET FOR July 24: Mayor Gregory invited all citizens and Kelso business owners to attend an open house in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, to meet Interim City Manager Paul Brachvogel and Michael Kerins, the new Community Development Director.

Mayor Gregory announced the Washington Dental Service Foundation Smile Mobile will be at Wallace School July 30 through August 3. They will provide dental care to children with limited family income. To schedule an appointment, call Peggy Sue at Wallace School.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Paul Brachvogel: 1) City of Longview Parks Director Rich Bemm, who is heading up a steering committee for the Community Center feasibility survey, has requested to have one Kelso Councilmember and one staff member on the committee. Councilmember McDaniel agreed to serve on the committee. 2) A brief executive session will be needed. 3) All are invited to attend National Night Out on August 7 at Tam O'Shanter Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. 4) Public Works Director David Sypher has requested to higher two more engineers at \$78,000 each per year. It was the consensus of the Council to start advertising for the positions.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) August will be a busy month with crews working on the airport, Tam O'Shanter Park, and overlay projects. 2) Remember to attend the Fly-in at the Kelso Airport on August 3-5. There will be around 50 planes.

Geraldine de Rooy: The Kelso Library will sponsor the 2nd annual Teen Rockin/Lockin on Friday, July 20th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Local musicians will be performing.

T. J. Keiran: No report

Wayne Nelson: everyone is encouraged to attend National Night Out at Tam O'Shanter Park August 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Booths will be set up to do fingerprinting of children, bicycle fitting, and car seat installation. Safety items will be available and there is free food.

Veryl Anderson: 1) The Finance Department is gearing up for the Highlander Festival which is September 8 & 9. Buttons can be purchased at City Hall and many businesses around Kelso and Longview. We are advertising at local restaurants using tent cards and placemats, which were designed in our office. 2) We still have Santa Express tickets to sell in connection with the Kelso Treelighting Festival on November 30. One bus is nearly full.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

David Futcher: I have noticed the new curbs and wheel chair ramps on some of the streets. It's a nice upgrade.

Todd McDaniel: No report

John Karnofski: No report

Joe Wheeler: No report

Alan Slater: Next year the City should prepay the term bonds that will be due in 2023 and 2025. Finance Director Veryl Anderson stated the bonds were structured this way with the idea of selling off the properties and paying off the loan on the back end. Councilmember Futcher reminded Councilmembers that City Accountant Brian Butterfield stated there is no urgency to pay off the bonds as long as the interest rate being paid is less than the earnings.

Mark Chester: No report

Don Gregory: No report

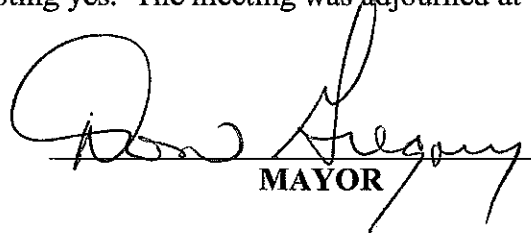
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss property and personnel issues. Action is expected to be taken after the meeting. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:57 p.m.

Mayor Gregory stated since Paul Brachvogel is acting as the Interim City Manager in addition to his position as City Attorney, it is recommended that his salary be increased by \$1,500 a month plus \$328 a month for mileage. Upon motion by Councilmember

Slater and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the increase of \$1,500 a month plus \$328 a month for mileage for Paul Brachvogel, beginning at the date of appointment to the temporary City Manager position,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK