

Pastor Chris Leingang, Faith Lutheran Brethren 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, Schimmel, McDaniel, Roberson, and Malella. Councilmember Myers was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the minutes of the 2/16/10 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Cowlitz 2 Annual Report: Assistant Chief Alan Headley handed out the annual report showing the activity for 2009. Fire district calls were down significantly, because we are no longer providing ambulance transport service in Longview. Calls received in Kelso were up just slightly from last year, with the majority of the calls pertaining to emergency medical service. Actual fire structure calls represents a small amount of what Cowlitz 2 does. We have partnered with Weyerhaeuser and the City of Vancouver to provide hazardous materials response, a service that has been needed in the local area. Plans are moving forward to replace the Lexington Fire Station.

Kelso High School Fire Science Students **Jake Peterson** and **Brandon Vossen**, who are working on their senior projects, spoke about building a memorial site dedicated to the brave emergency services personnel who lost their lives during the attack on the World Trade Center. The memorial will represent law enforcement, fire service, and EMS responders.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th, who spoke from the audience, asked how an individual could contribute to the memorial.

Assistant Chief Headley said their Labor Group, IAFF Local 3828, is one of the main sponsors. Citizens can call the Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Station or visit the web site for more information.

A short discussion followed. **Mayor Futcher** congratulated Jake and Brandon for this outstanding project.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Jim Irish, Mayor of the City of La Center, spoke about the American Veterans Traveling Tribute, which will be held August 4 to August 8, 2010. A booklet concerning the event was handed to Councilmembers and staff. Citizens were encouraged to attend. Volunteers are also needed for this event.

PRESENTATION:**OTAK – West Main Realignment Status:**

Thomas B. Walsh, PE Principal of Otak, gave a power point presentation summarizing the West Main Street Realignment Project alternatives. Also discussed were goals, public outreach, public feedback, and revised milestone dates. After the alignment selection is made, the design team recommends further consideration of a phasing plan that focuses on a Phase 1 for final design and construction. Cost, traffic congestion relief, and business impacts were also discussed. **Al King, Project Manager for Lochner**, also spoke about the project.

Tim W. Swett, owner of the property at 104, 305, and 307 West Main, spoke from the audience about concerns he and his tenants have that businesses may suffer if traffic is reduced in this area. Mr. Swett asked why the City should have to pay for this since it is a state highway. He also spoke about the potential for crime to increase in this area.

Mayor Futch said a typical scenario for the funding is ten to fifteen percent City contribution. The design team has been instructed to proceed using the funds that have been received from the Federal Government. We are trying to come up with the remaining funds.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th, asked what phase would be completed with the current funding.

Discussion followed. Mr. Walsh said in order for the designers to continue, they need direction about what to design. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, **'Give direction to Otak to design the realignment with Alternative 3A,' motion carried, all voting yes.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Liquor License Renewals - 1) Daily Store, 1012 Pacific Avenue North; 2) Sunrise Market, 1215 S. 6th Avenue; 3) Chuck E. Cheese's, 351 Three Rivers Drive
2. Fireworks Permits - Kelso Recreation Council (2 stands) and Kelso Kiwanis (1 stand)
3. Appointment to Housing Authority – Sherrie Tinoco, Term Ending 1/1/13 (To replace resigning member Budd Reschke)
4. Right of Way Property Acquisition Procedures between City of Kelso and WSDOT

Councilmember Malella requested removing Item No. 2 from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve

the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item No. 2 (Fireworks Permits),’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Approve the fireworks permits.’ Discussion followed concerning the number of stands and the reason the same groups continue to have the stands each year. Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, Schimmel, Karnofski, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Malella voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Stormwater Management: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE ENTITLED “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT,” TO BE CODIFIED AS KMC 13.09, TO GUIDE AND ADVISE ALL WHO MAKE USE OF, CONTRIBUTE WATER TO, OR ALTER THE CITY DRAINAGE SYSTEM, AND TO ENSURE MAINTENANCE OF ALL STORMWATER FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY BY SETTING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THEIR INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.’ The City’s Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit requires that the City develop and implement an ordinance to address runoff from new development, redevelopment, and construction site projects. Councilmember McDaniel asked about exemptions. Senior Engineer Van McKay spoke about the flow control exemption which is required by the State Ecology for modeling purposes. Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Adopting Revised Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Kelso Engineering Design Manual: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-3672, REPLACING CHAPTERS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE KELSO ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 10-1016 – Declare 30 Wood Pallets as Surplus: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Pass Resolution No. 10-1016, ‘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,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) You have probably noticed the city maps are now hanging here in the Council Room. The maps will be helpful when various properties are discussed. Last week I visited the Wasser & Winters property, which is the huge sand bar (approximately 600 acres) at the bottom of the map. There is a lot of mining of Mount St. Helens dredge spoils going on currently. It's an interesting property. 2) There is a lot going on at the Heerensperger Softball Field. They will be putting up the gate in a few weeks. 3) Fibre Credit Union is currently breaking ground and moving forward with their project. 4) Kelso High School Fire Science Students **Jake Peterson** and **Brandon Vossen** gave their presentation at the staff meeting last week. I am very impressed with these young men, who are both volunteer firefighters. 5) The City of Kelso Community Enhancement Group (COKCE) has come up with a fundraiser to benefit kids at Barnes School. A raffle will be held for two Adirondack chairs built by the husband of an employee at the Kelso Library and a homemade quilt made by Marcy in the Police Department. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. 6) As part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, we signed final papers today on a residence at 1412 N. Kelso.

STAFF MEMBERS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) Councilmembers were given a draft of the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program to review before the workshop on March 16th at 6:00 p.m. A brief explanation of the draft was given. 2) I will be giving my annual report at the next Council Meeting. 3) We are gearing up on our projects and several are out to bid. 4) At the Airport Board Meeting, we found that our current board ordinance which creates the airport board was a leftover from the old regional airport and actually gave day-to-day responsibility to the airport board for management. A couple of months later there was a document that dissolved it; however, the paperwork never occurred to change the airport board duties back. We will be bringing this to Council at the next meeting.

Michael Kerins: 1) The City Manager mentioned earlier that we signed papers on our first home under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. We are looking at a few more houses. 2) Another part of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program has to do with the removal of blight. Notices were sent out to seven property owners. Five of the seven have contacted us about their action plans. If property owners do not comply, we will clean up the property, put a lien on the property, and send a bill to the last known address. We will initiate foreclosure proceedings if the bill goes unpaid. 3) We are experiencing some development in the city. Summerwind plans to move forward on Phase II, Pacific Tech has plans to finish their project, and we are expecting to receive an application for a new fabrication facility on Talley Way. Also, there are plans for a concrete mixing operation south of Colorado Street. Councilmember Schimmel thanked Michael for getting the properties cleaned up.

Andy Hamilton: 1) Range training is currently underway. 2) We are experiencing some changes in the police department. Ken Hochhalter and Mike Meier will be going into detective positions and Phil Weismiller is taking on a position with the local SWAT Team. 3) The Citizens Academy starts next week. Applications for the ten-week program are still being accepted.

Brian Butterfield: In addition to the NSP HUD Grant that Michael has been talking about, we have resurrected our HUD Housing Rehab Program. This program is for low-income homeowners to make needed improvements on their homes. Jayson Tidland from Lower Columbia CAP has found us a house in North Kelso and we are ready to sign the papers. Council approval is needed to continue.

Jayson Tidland, Lower Columbia CAP, spoke about the repairs inside and outside that will be done on a house on 5th Street in North Kelso which was built in 1920. There are other projects currently in the works.

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary documents to provide repairs on the house on 5th Street,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Schimmel: Last week I went to an open house on Sunrise for a transitional housing project that CAP hosted. I brought the binder that was displayed showing the process. In this case, a structure was rebuilt for transitional housing. This is a great asset to our community.

Rick Roberson: 1) At our last Regional Transportation meeting, we discussed the possibility of getting some local councilmembers together to go over some of the information. Public Works Director Sypher said they discussed distributing minutes at various council meetings. 2) I am planning to have another community meeting in South Kelso around the end of April.

Gerald Malella: 1) The Senior Center had a soft opening on Monday and eight members were signed up. 2) If the City has old computers they are planning to get rid of, the Senior Center could use them.

Todd McDaniel: 1) The Cowlitz Transit Authority is moving forward with their enhancement plan. They have met with focus groups and the drivers. A survey of the riders is being conducted. COG is putting the data together and there is a web site to track their process. 2) Additional funds are needed for the Heerensperger Softball Field project because both fields were done. A scoreboard and PA system are also needed. I am going to have a comedy night fundraiser at the Theater Pub. My goal is to make \$3,500.


John Karnofski: There is a link on the City of Longview's web page concerning the Cowlitz Transit Enhancement Plan. It will be on our web page soon.

David Futcher: The web page had been updated.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.



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