

Pastor Hannah Peterson, Kelso First Presbyterian 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, Malella, Roberson, McDaniel, Myers, Schimmel, Karnofski, and Student Representative Joey Tagliarino.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/6/10 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 16 through May 22, 2010, as "**National Public Works Week**" in the City of Kelso. **Public Works Director David Sypher**, accepted the proclamation and reminded citizens that public works is not a safe occupation, as many deaths occur each year while providing some of the basics of life.

KSD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: **Joey Tagliarino, ASB President**, spoke about the election process for Kelso High School President and Vice President for the 2010-2011 school year.

PUBLIC HEARING – HOME 2010 Allocations:

Julie Hourclé, City of Longview Community Development Department, gave a power point presentation of the 2010 HOME funding allocation for the Longview-Kelso Consortium. Julie, who administers the HOME Program for both cities, stressed the importance of returning census forms because the HOME Program is funded by the Federal Entitlement Funding through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development on a formula basis. Kelso's 2010 base allocation is \$71,591.44, with an additional \$7,536.63 from HOME 2009 Rollover for a 2010 total of \$79,128.07. The total amount requested is as follows:

• Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity	\$40,000
• Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Cowlitz County Drug and/or HOPE Court Participants	11,760
• Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors	<u>13,260</u>
Total	\$65,020

Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. The following individuals spoke from the audience:

Marion Olmsted, Executive Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, spoke about their request for funds for the domestic violence survivors.

Sherrie Tinoco, Executive Director of the Emergency Support Shelter, spoke about their program which provides transitional housing with case management services for victims of domestic violence. The program helps the victim become self-sufficient and break away from the situation of domestic violence.

Jenny spoke about how the women's shelter and transitional housing changed her life and the life of her three sons.

Sarah spoke about the changes she has gone through since she has been at the Emergency Support Shelter and thanked them for allowing her two young children to have a better chance to succeed in life.

A brief discussion followed.

Marion Olmsted, Executive Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, spoke about a request for funds for the Drug/HOPE Court to provide rental assistance to two families.

Cecilia Larson, a representative of the Kelso Housing Authority and the coordinator for both programs, introduced some of the participants who spoke about how the programs have benefited them.

Donald Pomerinke spoke about turning his life around through the Drug Court Program, after being homeless for nearly five years. He is now employed and is a productive member of society.

Michael spoke about how the Drug Court Program has helped him turn his life around. For the past year, he has been attending college and is doing well.

Jason, who graduated from the Drug Court Program April 5th, spoke about how the program has helped him and his family. He is now a full-time student and has obtainable goals.

Donna, who now has custody of her three girls, spoke about how the housing program has been so important in providing stability to her family.

Robert Pierce spoke about how the Drug Court Program saved his life. He graduated from the program in June of 2009 and has been attending college for two years. The housing program helped him get back on his feet.

Gus Nolte spoke on behalf of the **Drug Abuse Prevention Center**. Sixty-five drug court clients were treated with a 96% completion rate. He spoke about housing being the most critical factor.

Len Lelevich, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, thanked Councilmembers for the money that was awarded and used to complete a house in North Kelso. This program has changed the lives of the recipient, Lori and her children. Mr. Lelevich introduced Susan Isaacson who will be living in the home that will be built at 1204 N. 3rd.

Susan Isaacson, who has been accepted as a partner family with Habitat for Humanity, spoke about the home providing safety and stability for her and her kids, Gary and Stephanie.

Mayor Fatcher asked if owners of adjacent homes are inspired to improve their property as a result of a new Habitat house being built in their neighborhood. Mr. Lelevich said unfortunately this seldom happens; however, a couple of years ago they partnered with Servant Week in Longview. Several houses on that block were painted and the yards were landscaped.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Fatcher closed the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, **'Award \$40,000 to Habitat for Humanity, \$11,760 to the Drug and HOPE Court Participants, and \$13,260 to the Domestic Violence Survivors, and carry over the balance to next year.'** Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, **'Amend the motion by adding \$10,000 to the Habitat for Humanity Project and \$4,000 to the Domestic Violence Survivors Project.'** Motion died for lack of a second.

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Malella, **'Amend the main motion by adding \$10,000 to the Habitat for Humanity Project, \$2,000 to the Drug and HOPE Court Participants, and \$2,000 to the Domestic Violence Survivors Program.'** Discussion followed. **Motion to approve the amendment carried, all voting yes.**

Mayor Fatcher restated the main motion which is to fully fund the amounts requested plus the additional amounts approved. Motion carried, all voting yes. The total amount awarded is \$79,020.00 which is as follows: Habitat for Humanity awarded \$50,000; Drug and Hope Court Participants awarded \$13,760; and Domestic Violence Survivors awarded \$15,260.

Mayor Futcher called a short break. After a three-minute recess, Mayor Futcher called the meeting back to order.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bonneville Power Administration: Liz Klumpp, a representative of BPA, gave a presentation about a proposed high-voltage transmission line that could be routed through part of Kelso. The line, which would run between Castle Rock and Troutdale, Oregon, is needed to meet a growing demand for electricity. Maps were handed out showing multiple routes. BPA will continue to hold informational meetings during this process. They will release a draft environmental impact statement by late 2011 and their goal is to choose a route by 2012.

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN: Jerry Sorrell, from the Council of Governments, is under an agreement with the City of Kelso to assist in the completion of the Airport Master Plan Update. Jerry gave an overview of the governance options. He also spoke about the need to address finance options. An informational packet was given to each Councilmember to review. Public Works Director David Sypher said every decision maker (i.e., City of Kelso and City of Longview Councilmembers, Cowlitz County Commissioners, and Port of Longview Commissioners) has received this packet and each decision maker will receive the presentation that Jerry gave tonight. In May, a subcommittee will meet to discuss the various options and make recommendations to their individual boards. There will be a regional summit meeting on June 5th to try to arrive at a consensus as to where we want to go with the airport.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License Renewals:** 1) Red Lobster, 203 Three Rivers Drive; 2) Cliff's Hilltop Market, 604 Burcham Street North
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,623,390.74
3. **New Liquor License:** Scooter's Bar and Grill *(Added to the Agenda)*
4. **Award Contract to Carney Construction for South Kelso Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement in the amount of \$34,529.51** *(Added to the Agenda)*

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda, including the add-on items, and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,623,390.74,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Resolution No. 10-1019 – Aviation Grant Match Funds Availability: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 10-1019,

'Resolution of the City of Kelso, Washington, to the Washington State Department of Transportation Aviation Guaranteeing Grant Match Funds Availability.' Public Works Director Sypher said they are in process of applying for a \$250,000 grant from WSDOT to extend the runway. WSDOT wants a commitment from us in the amount of \$35,000 in the event the grant is approved. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes. David said the Airport Board will also need to approve the \$35,000 match. The resolution, which is required by WSDOT, needed to be added to the Council Agenda in order to meet the grant deadline.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) Don't forget the AWC Conference in Vancouver June 23rd to 25th. 2) The Evergreen Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration has selected their 2010 Public Service Recognition Awards. Each year they honor people who excel in public service. **Public Works Director David Sypher has been chosen to receive the Practitioner of the Year Award.** David will be honored at an awards luncheon on Tuesday, May 4th at the Renaissance Seattle Hotel. 3) An Executive Session to discuss potential litigation will be needed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: No report. I'm speechless!

Michael Kerins: 1) The Comprehensive Plan revision process continues. Two open house events were held recently for the downtown area and West Kelso, with approximately forty comments being received. An open house will also be held to accept comments from property owners concerning residential land-use issues. 2) The issue was raised earlier about whether or not the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home improves a neighborhood. Taking a vacant lot and making it into an owner-occupied residence doesn't lift the neighborhood visibly; however, things start to happen when a new home is built and rentals are turned into owner-occupied homes. That is why we are concentrating our efforts in one neighborhood in North Kelso. 3) Councilmember Schimmel thanked Mike and his department for the work they are doing to clean up our city. 4) Councilmember Malella asked for an update at the Kelso/Longview Wye. Mike said the conditional approval of their binding site plan has been given to the applicant. We hope to receive an application for their building permits soon.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) The Police Department has been partnering with Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris in cleaning up our city. 2) On Saturday, April 17th, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., officers from the Department of Corrections (DOC) teamed up with four Kelso officers, a dispatcher, and a DOC support staff person. Every person in Kelso, who is on active supervision, was contacted showing them that the DOC officers

and Kelso Police are working together as a team with a strong presence. Many of the offenders were in compliance; however, some were arrested due to violations. 3) A partnership between the City, Kelso Police Department, Kelso Eagles, and the Kelso School District has been formed to start a Kelso Police Science Vocational Class. This will be the third law enforcement class in the State of Washington, and it will be available to anyone in Cowlitz County. There is no cost to the City of Kelso or the Police Department. The course is paid by federal funds, which go through the Kelso School District. A short discussion followed. 4) Call loads have been up and we have been busy.

Brian Butterfield: We sponsored a booth at the Earth Day Event Saturday to promote our recycling program. Renee Buttler and Patty Murray, from the Finance Department, handed out five hundred handbags to individuals who answered a question about Kelso's recycling program.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: Spoke about the Parade of Flags event at AWC. City Manager Richards said Kelso will have a flag to present at the ceremony.

Dan Myers: 1) I have been attending the Sewer Operating Board Meetings. We are fortunate to have David Sypher representing our interests. 2) The Train Depot volunteers also had a booth at Earth Day. The benefits of transportation by trains versus other forms of transportation were discussed. 3) Volunteers have logged over five thousand hours at the depot. They are planning to have a depot cleanup on May 1st in anticipation of National Train Day on May 8th. 4) Twenty-five years ago I bought the house I live in at Third & Alder. At that time, the residence was two apartments. I converted the *this vintage home back* ~~apartment building~~ to a *single-family* ~~single~~ residence. The house is 100 years old this year.

Gary Schimmel: 1) The Public Health Advisory Committee is in process of revising their strategic plan. 2) The Park Board has requested a park grant fund be established with the money we will receive from the AT&T and Verizon leases for the cell towers that are being put up at Tam O'Shanter Park. They would like to have matching grants available to groups that want to make improvements to our parks. A formal request has been made to City Manager Richards. Council action may be needed.

Gerald Malella: No report

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: Just a reminder about the fundraiser we are having on April 30th at the Kelso Theater Pub. Tickets for "The World's Funniest Cop" are \$25 each or two for \$40. Veronica Heath, a comedian out of Portland, will open the act. The proceeds will be used to get both softball fields done at Tam O'Shanter Park.

David Futcher: 1) We are fortunate to have the AWC Conference in Vancouver this year on June 23 to 25. I have attended four of these annual conventions and they all have been very valuable. I encourage all Councilmembers to attend. 2) I want to congratulate Public Works Director David Sypher for the award City Manager Richards spoke of earlier. 3) Our local newspaper was featured on Jay Leno last night for their May 21st editorial headline, "Don't Lower 'Education' Bar Any Further."

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:01 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The executive session is expected to last approximately fifteen minutes and no action will be taken.

At 9:16 p.m. City Manager Richards announced the Council would remain in executive session approximately ten minutes longer. At 9:26 p.m. City Manager Richards announced the Council would remain in executive session approximately ten more minutes.

At 9:39 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.



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