

Pastor Nick Buhler, Kelso Assembly of God 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, Webb, Roberson, McDaniel, Myers, Schimmel, and Student Representative Eric McDaniel.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/17/10 Special Workshop and the 8/17/10 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

**ASB President Eric McDaniel:** 1) Freshman Orientation was held on August 25<sup>th</sup> and school started on September 1<sup>st</sup>. 2) The Kelso/Mark Morris football game was Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Kelso won 20 to 6. 3) Tonight is the first Kelso girl's varsity volleyball game. Golf has started and swimming will begin soon.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

Having received a number of sign-up sheets to address the Council concerning Victory Center, Mayor Futcher gave a brief explanation of some of the changes to the zoning code. The City's goal is to revitalize the downtown area.

The following people spoke in favor of allowing Victory Center to remain at 401 S. Pacific:

**Glen SenSenbach**, 402 N. 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Sandy K. Nanney**, 613 S. 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Larry Hembree**, 1511 Tara  
**Gary Miller**, 5803 Rose Valley Rd.  
**Olga Ismagilov**, 1705 Rose Valley Rd.  
**Leo Pisarchuk**, 3514 Pacific Way  
**Leah Currier**, 2329 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Longview  
**Jeff Dumke**, 1004 Cowlitz Way

The following people spoke against allowing Victory Center to remain at 401 S. Pacific:

**Robin Stoutt**, 408 S. Pacific  
**Arlyce Butler**, 416 S. Pacific  
**Mike Julian**, 214 S. Pacific  
**Rich Robinson**, 408 Oak  
**Mike Zonich**, 1504 Lord, Longview

**Maria Wylie**, 409 S. Pacific, spoke, but wanted to remain neutral.

Mayor Futch thanked each person for their contribution. The Council will take into consideration the comments that were heard tonight. He said the issue is on appeal and will be heard by a hearings examiner.

Mayor Futch called a five minute recess. At 7:58 the meeting was called back to order.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

**Richard McCaine**, 1425 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> spoke against a ban on the use of plastic bags in local stores.

The following individuals spoke in favor of E-Verify, a federal program that determines employment eligibility of new hires and the validity of their Social Security Number:

**Jack Tipping**, 2101 Hwy 508, Onalaska  
**Allen Rogers**, 4617 NE 128<sup>th</sup> Court, Vancouver  
**LeRoy Gerdlund**, 121 Westover Drive, Longview  
**Chuck Miller**, 25810 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Camas

Mayor Futch said the E-Verify Program was discussed at a previous meeting. At that time, the Council decided not to enter into the program.

**PRESENTATION:**

**COWLITZ 2 REPORT:** Chief **Dave LaFave**, spoke about the good relationship the fire department has with the staff and appreciated the opportunity to be current with the events that are taking place in the city. A mid-year Incident Report was given to Councilmembers and staff showing the number and types of calls the fire department has handled. Call volumes are down. Cowlitz 2 has joined forces with the Kelso Police Department with the new police science program. Citizens were encouraged to attend the Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue 9/11 World Trade Center Memorial Dedication on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 p.m. at 701 Vine Street.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Liquor License Renewals:** a) Freeway Shell Food Mart, 115 Kelso Drive; b) Kelso Flying K. Gas and Food Mart, 103 W. Main Street; c) Kelso Theater PUB, 214 S. Pacific; d) Splits, 200 Kelso Drive
2. **Special Occasion Liquor License:** Kelso-Longview Ladies of the Elks, 900 Ash Street (*Amended date from September 11, 2010, to April 9, 2011*)
3. **Humane Society Contract Renewal** 2011 Contract - *Removed from the Agenda*
4. **Award Contract to TruFrame, L.L.C.:** - Demolition of two properties

It was requested that Item No. 4 be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of Item No. 3 and Item No. 4, motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Adoption of the 2009 Edition of the International Building Codes:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE 3572, CODIFIED AS KMC CHAPTER 15.03, TO ADOPT THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE WAHSINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL.' Councilmember Schimmel asked Community Development Director Mike Kerins to explain some of the changes to the code. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 10-3733 - Updating Water and Sewer Fees:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 10-3733, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 09-3698 UPDATING WATER AND SEWER FEES,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Award Contract to TruFrame, L.L.C.** - Demolition of two properties both determined to constitute blight, contract amount \$65,279.50: Community Development Director Kerins spoke about the properties located at 1124 N. Pacific Avenue (known as Terry's Salvage Yard) and a single-family residential property located at 1504 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The property owners were notified as required; however, there was no response. This project is funded under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program for the removal of blight in residential neighborhoods. City Attorney Janean Parker said the motion should include authorizing the City Manager to enter into the public works contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Award the demolition contract to TruFrame, L.L.C., and authorize the City Manager to enter into the City's standard small works contract.' A short discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) I want to remind Councilmembers of the AWC training in Kelso on October 26<sup>th</sup>. 2) I was hoping summer would fall on a weekend this year because the Highlander Festival is this weekend. Our float honoring the volunteers is almost finished and ready for the parade.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report

**David Sypher:** 1) The overlay project is finished, but we are doing the raising of manhole frames and cleanup on the edge of the roads. We need to complete work on Grimm Road, which should be done by October 15<sup>th</sup> or sooner. 2) The Third Avenue sewer project is underway. 3) A \$60,000 chip seal program should begin soon. 4) The Airport Master Plan has been completed and should be posted on the web site in a few days. 5) David confirmed with Councilmember Myers that he will continue to work with him on the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Committee. 6) Councilmember Myers asked if work will be done on Minor Road, north of Mt. Brynion. David said the road is in very bad shape. It will be patched this fall and probably fixed next year. 7) Councilmember Myers said the link to the Six-year Transportation Improvement is not functioning. David will check on it.

**Michael Kerins:** 1) We are looking forward to the demolition of the two properties that were discussed earlier. The timing for this contract is tight. We have to obligate this money no later than September 18<sup>th</sup> so we don't lose the funding. We are looking forward to getting these properties developed, which will make a good impact on North Kelso.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) Thanks to the Daily News article, our E-Audio Book Program has really taken off. Thirty-four new people have signed up. 2) Our next book discussion group is starting. Copies of The Last Town on Earth can be picked up at the library. 3) The next story time begins on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) As Chief LaFave mentioned earlier, the Police Science Class started September 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately twenty kids throughout Cowlitz County were in attendance at the opening. I want to thank Cowlitz 2 for their help. Our program was modeled after theirs. We are fortunate to be the third law enforcement class in the State of Washington. I want to thank City Manager Dennis Richards and Finance Director Brian Butterfield who had a large part in making sure this program got off the ground and for their assistance at the opening ceremonies. 2) The Iron Horse Festival was Saturday and we are preparing for the Highlander Festival this weekend. 3) Sector equipment and new laptops have been installed in our police vehicles. Money for these items (approximately \$43,000) came from a Homeland Security Grant. 4) We received word this week that a \$11,000 joint JAG Grant with the City of Longview was awarded. 5) Our staffing is good. We have a couple of officers who will be having surgery and will be out for awhile.

**Brian Butterfield:** No report

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Todd McDaniel:** Councilmembers were given a draft of an ordinance banning the use of plastic carryout shopping bags. Councilmembers McDaniel, Webb, and Karnofski agreed to form a subcommittee.

**James Webb:** I attended a swearing in ceremony for about thirty-five local citizens who have committed the next year to Americorps.

**Rick Roberson:** The Iron Horse Festival was a success with over 290 people in attendance. The weather wasn't too bad; however, there were some occasional wind issues.

**John Karnofski:** No report

**Gary Schimmel:** 1) I want to thank Chief LaFave and Chief Hamilton for their leadership and for providing vocational development for kids in our community. I think it will pay off in the future. 2) I was fortunate to attend an informative budget and financial workshop through AWC.

**Dan Myers:** 1) Spoke about the sample ordinance concerning the plastic bag issue and complimented City Attorney Parker for her input. I think we need to decide what we are trying to accomplish with this ordinance. If we are trying to protect the environment, plastic bags are really a small part of the problem. I think we should step back from it.

**David Futcher:** 1) Encouraged Councilmembers to attend the AWC Regional Meeting. 2) I would like to set up a subcommittee to discuss Council rules. Councilmembers Schimmel and Roberson volunteered to be on the committee with Mayor Futcher.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK