

Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor David Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Lefebvre, McDaniel, Myers, Archer, Schimmel, and Roberson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/07/12 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Airport Wetland Mitigation: Environmental Sciences Associates Biologist Benn Burke gave a presentation regarding a recommendation of the wetland mitigation site that will serve the needs of the runway extension project at the Kelso Airport. The Hart's Lake area, which is owned by the City of Kelso, is the designated site to provide for wetland mitigation. This area is currently being leased to the Hill Family for grazing purposes. The Hart's Lake area will not require a lot of excavation. It will not impact other adjacent properties and it is cost effective. Lengthy discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Liquor License Renewal:** 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
2. **Street Closure:** Iron Horse Festival, September 1, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. **Close Out:** 2012 Citywide Overlay Project and 2012 CHAP Street Overlay Project – Lakeside Industries, Inc.
4. **Bid Approvals:** 2013 Water Treatment Chemical Purchase – Jones Chemical, Olin Chlor Alkali, and Univar
5. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,082,128.42

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,082,128.42,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Karen Askin, 1305 South 11th Avenue, spoke about the water/sewer rates being too high. She would like to be billed for just her water consumption. Public Works Director David Sypher commented that all residential customers pay a flat rate plus consumption and commercial customers pay on what they use. She questioned about the consumption reading being the same every month. She asked if her meter is actually being read. Mr. Sypher told Ms. Askin that he would like to help her and asked her to contact him.

Rick Von Rock, 400 North 7th Avenue, spoke about the 'Welcome to Kelso' sign at the west end of Allen Street. He commented that it should be relocated to a place where it can be utilized to draw people into the city. Councilmember Roberson commented that, in the past, the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association received quotes for upgrading that sign. He said it was a good idea to move it to a more appropriate place.

Al Slater, 206 Crawford Avenue, spoke about getting the City of Kelso to attend meetings regarding two projects that are taking place in the county. The first project is regarding the Toutle River Sediment Retention Structure. Mr. Slater's idea is to have a drag line put in behind the dam to remove the sediment. The siltation can be used for landfills and covering the solid waste site. The Corps of Engineer's plan is to raise the dam by 10 feet. He feels that the Corps of Engineers will listen to a group of people rather than just one individual. The second project is regarding the coal shipping terminal. He said that Cottonwood Island, which is located in the Columbia River near Kalama, would be an excellent industrial site. It would, also, be an excellent site as a coal shipping terminal. He commented that if a representative from the City of Kelso will attend some of these meetings it will be more effective and these ideas will be heard.

Paul Youmans, Director of Pathway 2020, along with Hilary Gillette-Walch, Clinical Services Manager for Cowlitz County Health Department, spoke in favor of adopting an ordinance that would ban smoking tobacco in all public parks. Mr. Youmans handed out copies of two reports that promoted tobacco free parks. Included in the reports was a community survey that was conducted. There were 884 people that participated in the survey. The results showed that the majority favored Longview and Kelso parks to be tobacco free. Mr. Youmans asked that Council consider this as a topic of discussion at the workshop meeting scheduled on September 4, 2012. He commented that there are grants that can help with signage in the parks. He said designated smoking areas near the parks are a possible option. Councilmember Archer commented that he was at the Parks Board meeting when Mr. Youmans gave the Tobacco Free Parks Presentation. He said that after Mr. Youmans left there was a discussion in favor of the tobacco ban in public parks. Mayor Fatcher said that Council will definitely be taking about this at the workshop.

Anthony Currena, 803 S. 6th Avenue, spoke in favor of a curfew for the City of Kelso. Mayor Fatcher said that the Council will put it on the list of possible topics to be considered at the workshop. Councilmember Schimmel asked Chief Andrew Hamilton if any of the other surrounding jurisdictions have a curfew. Chief Hamilton said not that he knows of, but the police will stop and check the welfare of children who are out late.

James Hill, 1100 N. 22nd Ave, spoke about an email that he sent to each councilmember. He said he would like a reply. He wanted to know if his issue about fireworks will be discussed at the workshop. Mayor Fatcher explained how the goal setting workshop meeting works. He commented that in regards to Mr. Hill's email, the Council works as a whole. One councilmember's opinion does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the

Council as a group. Councilmember McDaniel commented that he will state his opinion regarding fireworks at the workshop. Councilmember Roberson commented that he will, also, wait for the workshop.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading): The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 13.12 TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT BY A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL AIRPORT BOARD CREATED UNDER INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND TO BRING THE CHAPTER INTO CONFORMANCE WITH CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.' Councilmember Archer asked if the Airport Board was not already approved. City Attorney Janean Parker commented that the Board was approved by separate interlocal agreement. In our Kelso Municipal Code the City of Kelso regulated the Airport. Now that there is a multijurisdictional board the KMC needs to be updated so that the Board will be the regulator of the airport. The KMC also had some things that were outdated. This amendment will bring things up to date and make it so that it is in compliance with current FAA rules. The amendment will bring us into conformance with how the parties are going to operate. It will be recommended that the City of Kelso be the enforcing agent. The Statute requires that this will need each jurisdiction's approval. Ms. Parker commented that at the second reading there will be a few minor changes regarding self fueling. This will be approved by the Board prior to the ordinance coming to Council for second reading. Councilmember Myers commented that in Section 13.12.070 Regulation of Expressive Activity there is no language that states that this is in regards to the airport property. Ms. Parker said that she will make sure to add that clarification. Councilmember Schimmel asked that at the next reading there be a redline rendition of the amendments. Ms. Parker said that she will make sure of that, and she will get it to Council soon enough so they have time for comparison. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading): The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 2.48.020 (A) AND ORDINANCE 2972 SECTION 4.C.1 TO INCLUDE STREET CLOSURE PERMIT ADMINISTRATION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) The 'National Night Out' event was held on August 7, 2012. There were over 1000 people that attended. Officer Craig Christianson was the coordinator for the event. We had a number of new vendors and different types of safety

items on display compared to last year. The Washington State Patrol had a strong presence at the event. All of this is funded through donations. 2) While I was at the event a family approached me and said thank you. This family was a victim of a burglary. We have a suspect today because of the diligent work performed by Officer Rich Fletcher. About a year ago, Officer Fletcher retrieved fingerprints from a burglary scene. Earlier this month those prints were matched up to someone who was totally unknown to this family. We are in the process of solving that case. This is just another example of the quality of people we have on our force. 3) We are down two officers at this time. Officer Weismiller left the Kelso Police Department to work for another department and another officer is on sick leave. We are still ahead on calls for the year. This is keeping the officers very busy. 4) Brian Clark is our new School Resource Officer. School starts Sept. 5th. 5) Last Thursday I had the honor of attending the 'Chief for a Day' event in Seattle. This event is about celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a life threatening or chronic medical condition. Kelso was one of 27 agencies who sponsored a child for this event. All costs were funded through donations. 6) Library Manager Cindy Donaldson is not here tonight so she asked me give you her report in her absence. The summer reading program for 2012 was a huge success. Over 400 children signed up to participate. The program continues to double each year. The 'Annual Book Sale' will be held at the Highlander Festival on Sept. 8 - 9, 2012. 7) Today I attended the 'Grand Opening' celebration for the Grounds for Opportunity Café. This is a new Lower Columbia Community Action Partnership program. Councilmember Myers, Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, and State Representative Dean Takko among many others from our community attended. The GFO provides three different types of programs. It provides a work study for people who want to train in the culinary field. It provides the meals for the "Meals on Wheels" program and it is a public bistro that serves excellent food. The GFO serves as a milestone for the revitalization of the South Kelso area. 8) Wilco will be opening on Thursday, August 23, 2012. There will be a 'Ribbon Cutting' ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Wilco has invited everyone for that. 9) This will be my last council meeting as the Interim City Manager. I wanted to thank the Council for putting their trust in me. I have learned a great deal and it was well worth it. At the next Council meeting, on September 4th, City Manager Steve Taylor will be here. There will be a 'Meet & Greet' reception for Mr. Taylor. It will be held in the City of Kelso Council Chambers on September 5th, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and everyone in the community is invited. 10) We have an upcoming meeting with some representatives from the Three River's Mall. Hopefully, we will get some positive news. 11) We have been talking with Chamber of Commerce President Bill Marcum about the Visitors Center, so things are progressing with that.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report.

David Sypher: 1) The Paxton Reservoir steel tank has been taken down. It needed to be refurbished. We installed a new concrete reservoir tank. Both of the projects are online,

and we are very pleased with how the process went. 2) The Citywide Overlay project has been completed. 3) The Allen Street chip sealing is finished. There is just some sweeping up left to do with that. We did not have a lot of money this year but we did the best we could in making it stretch out. 4) The Catch Basin Cleaning Program is going on right now, and it should be done by the end of next month. Mayor Fatcher commented that over the last couple of weeks he has been in different parts of the country. He said it was evident that we really do have it good here. The streets in Kelso are kept in better condition than the streets and highways in some other parts of the country. He told Mr. Sypher that the Public Works Department does a great job in maintaining our streets.

Nancy Malone: 1) I attended the 'Ribbon Cutting' ceremony for the GFO building. The building turned out very well. It will be a huge benefit for the City. 2) We are waiting on the Traffic Study for the Cowlitz Family Health Clinic. As soon as it is turned in, we will be able to issue their permit. 3) We will be issuing Western Fire's permit tomorrow. 4) Wilco will be opening on Thursday, August 23rd. 5) We issued 51 building permits for the month of July. 6) I hired a temporary part-time Nuisance Abatement Officer. His name is Jon Rice. He has been doing an awesome job. The first two weeks from the day Mr. Rice started, which was August 1st, we logged 19 complaints. To this date, 10 of those complaints are closed out. He is making himself known to the public. He is helping with sending out letters. We have been getting timely responses from the letters and issues are getting resolved. I am very pleased with Mr. Rice and I am hoping to get his employment here extended through the end of the year.

Brian Butterfield: 1) I spoke with the state auditors this morning, and I was told that the City of Kelso had a clean audit this year. There were no findings. This is what we strive for. 2) In front of you is the monthly financial statement for July. On the revenue page you will see the revenue being up by \$400,000 from the previous year but that is due to a timing issue when we recorded the sales tax receipt. I will be happy to answer any questions.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Dan Myers: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Schimmel: I just wanted say that Chief Hamilton has done a great job over these last few months as Interim City Manager. I know that new City Manager Taylor will have a great team to support him, and that we are looking forward to doing better things.

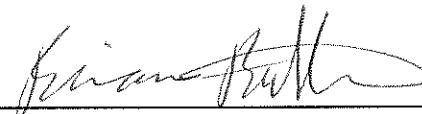
Gary Archer: 1) I had a good time at the 'National Night Out' event. 2) There was no Parks Board Meeting this month. At the last month's meeting, various topics were discussed. The Parks Board spoke in favor of banning tobacco in public parks. It has been requested that we send a letter to the Veterinarian Clinic, which is located near the Kelso Spray Park, asking them stop allowing their dogs to go into the spray park area. The Kelso Senior Center is having a new alarm system installed. There will be new barbecue pits installed at the ball park. The Parks Board discussed fireworks. They are only considering changes that are practical. The ball tournaments are going very well and everyone is having a good time. The cell tower installations are almost completed and there have been no complaints.

David Futcher: 1) There will be an Airport Board meeting on August 30, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. here in the council chambers. They will be discussing the budget. 2) The new city manager has established residency within the City of Kelso city limits.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8: 21p.m.



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