

Pastor John Jorgenson, Three Rivers Bible 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, Fatcher, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the minutes of the 2/6/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Quarterly Report: Chief Dave LaFave gave the Quarterly Report. The 2006 Call Report shows an increase in calls slightly under 10 percent. Chief LaFave spoke about their goal to reorganize the volunteer program. Lengthy discussion followed.

APPOINTMENTS:

With Council consensus, Mayor Gregory **reappointed Martin Carty to a 5-year term with the Kelso Housing Authority Board.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,074,814.62

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Daily Store, 1012 Pacific Ave N.; 2) Sunrise Market, 1215 S. 6th Ave.; 3) Chuck E. Cheese's, 351 Three Rivers Dr.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,074,814.62,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Façade Agreement: City Manager Robinson requested to put this off until the next meeting.

Consideration of Girls Softball Agreement: The Council approved the expenditure in the 2007 budget of \$50,000 for construction of a new bathroom and baseball official's office above the bathrooms. Mayor Gregory said these funds are coming out of the Lodging Taxes. Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Agreement with the Girls Softball Association.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorize Purchase of Police Vehicles for Budget Year 2007 and Authorize City Manager's Signature on the Purchase Order: Upon Motion by Councilmember Futchter and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize Purchase of a 2007 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Patrol Unit in the amount of \$25,731.00 plus additional equipment not to exceed \$10,000, and authorize the City Manager's signature on the purchase order,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorize Purchase of Service Vehicle for Budget Year 2007 and Authorize City Manager's Signature on the Purchase Order: Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futchter, 'Authorize purchase of a 2008 Ford F250XL pickup in the amount of \$21,675.60 plus flatbed in the amount of \$3,932.00 plus tax and authorize the City Manager's signature on the purchase order,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Solid Waste Contract Amendment: Public Works Director David Sypher stated for insurance purposes Waste Control is requesting we amend their contract to approve a letter of credit in lieu of the Performance Bond,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3640 – Concerning Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezone Previously Authorized by Council Under Ordinance 99-3426: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Pass on 2nd Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO PROPERLY ZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 17TH AVENUE AND ALLEN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

\$4,500 Sweeper for the Park: Public Works Director Sypher said Tim Mackin did an analysis and it was determined **a sweeper was not needed**; however, he would like to ask if he could use \$3,392.55 for a new trailer which will be used in the summer to haul mowers around. Discussion followed. Upon Motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futchter, '**Authorize the purchase of a new trailer in the amount of \$3,392.55,**' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: 1) We are busy with new projects as well as trying to take care of the backlog. T. J. from COG is working on five or six projects. I may be contracting with another individual, Norman Golub. 2) Rod Wright owns a corner piece of property off of Grim Road and he wants to purchase a small piece of city-owned property in the area. I will take some pictures and bring it to the Council Meeting to see if you want to declare the property surplus.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) I would like to set a workshop in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27. Representatives from Cowlitz County will give a presentation regarding their proposed solid waste program. 2) Spoke about backflow prevention to keep the drinking water safe. David handed out a proposed letter to be sent to dentist offices and mortuaries in Kelso requiring them to install a backflow prevention assembly. Discussion followed.

Geraldine de Rooy: We had a good attendance at our first community advisory committee meeting this afternoon.

Wayne Nelson: 1) Last week we had our Crisis Intervention Training with about 23 local police officers, deputy sheriffs, troopers, corrections officers, hospital security, and 911 dispatchers who came together to receive mental illness training. All of Kelso's officers have now been through the training. 2) Due to the retirement of Captain Taylor at the end of the month, we are in process of doing promotional testing for the captain and sergeant positions. 3) We are still accepting applications for the ten-week Citizen's Police Academy which begins March 7.

Veryl Anderson: We are busy with paperwork to close out 2006.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) Spoke about the communities coming together to help support the Ling proposal to build the plant on the Oregon side across from Puget Island. 2) Spoke about the new water treatment plant the City of Longview wants to build to get away from the Cowlitz River because of the silt that is coming down the Toutle River. 3) There was an article in the paper about some property next to the landfill. This would be a beautiful place for a park, a marina, or a transfer station.

Mark Chester: No Report

David Futcher: Last week City Manager Doug Robinson and I attended a KLTV meeting. In approximately six months the KLTV Board is planning to replace the four cameras here in the Council Chambers with larger ones which will produce better quality pictures. Mayor Gregory said the City funded money to KLTV for this upgrade several years ago but the previous board refused to spend the money.

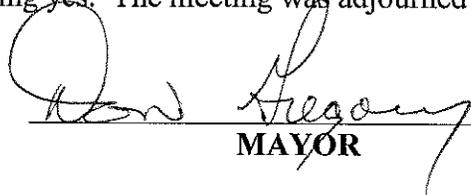
John Karnofski: I commend Geraldine for putting together the library meeting that I attended today. It was good to see so many people excited about the prospects of a new library.

Joe Wheeler: 1) I want to let the East Kelso residents know the City is moving forward about many of the things we discussed at the town hall meeting. 2) The customer complaint/concern form which has been implemented is helping to improve customer service. When a name, address, and phone number is given, citizens can be contacted to let them know what is being done. 3) I don't think the City needs to pay for a traffic light on Allen Street near the school. A crosswalk would be a better idea. Mayor Gregory stated the Kelso School District is looking at the possibilities of obtaining funding for a traffic light because it would cost them less than hiring traffic safety personnel. Public Works Director Sypher stated the City is working with the school by trying to obtain a grant to help fund a traffic light. 4) Concerning the East Kelso drainage on the hill, the staff is working on a storm water management plan. 5) The owners of U-Neek RV have indicated there are accidents at the SR432 intersection near them almost daily. There used to be signs reminding drivers the speed limit is reduced from 55 to 35 at that intersection. 6) I saw an article in the Daily News about the skate park. Jeremy Hooper made some good comments and suggested citizens might want to make donations to the skate park.

Todd McDaniel: 1) I attended the CAP dinner a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, the caterer did not show up but the staff did a great job and they raised thousands of dollars. 2) I teach one class for the Citizens Academy that Chief Nelson spoke about earlier. This is a good opportunity for citizens to get involved and see what the police officers do every day.

Don Gregory: Flyers will be going out to around 1,300 people inviting them to attend a South Kelso meeting on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Wallace School.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Futch and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK