

Brian Welhoelter, LDS 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, Karnofski, and Student Representative Daryl Moore.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the minutes of the 1/23/07 Special Meeting and the 1/23/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kelso LDS Church: Mayor Gregory welcomed Scout Troop No. 391 from the Kelso Ward of the LDS Church.

Kelso Eagles: Diane Hanson, Madam President of the Kelso Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, and Ed Shadel, President of the Kelso Eagles, told about many ways the members of the Kelso Eagles are involved in the community. They raise money for many charities, sponsor softball and bowling teams, and help local organizations such as the food banks, Salvation Army, and the Women's Shelter. They are in process of starting a Junior Eagles program. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Eagles can contact them at 609 S. Pacific.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Daryl Moore: 1) This is Heart Throb Week which is the male version of Homecoming. 2) This week is also Spirit Week and we are dressing up. 3) The winter sports season is coming to an end and we are getting ready for regional and state competitions.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License Special Occasion: Kelso Ladies Auxiliary of Elks #1482, 900 Ash

Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Award of Professional Services Contracts for Engineering Plan Review and Contract for Hydraulic Modeling Training and Support: City Manager Robinson stated these contracts are needed to take care of some overload in the Engineering and Planning Departments. It was recommended to contract with Wallis Engineering for design review and Kennedy Jenks for reviewing water improvements. Upon Motion by

Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Authorize City Manager to sign the contracts with Wallis Engineering and Kennedy/Jenks Consultants,' motion carried, all voting yes .

Set Public Hearing for 2007 Home Project Funding Allocation: Mayor Gregory set the public hearing for April 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Julie Hourcle' from the City of Longview will present some information concerning the Home Program. Kelso will have approximately \$67,264 available for low to moderate income housing projects. Further discussion followed.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: 1) Spoke about a letter from the regional airport concerning the proposed condominiums on River Road. 2) We are starting the process to determine the qualifications for the Community Development Director position. Tomorrow we will begin talking with some staff and other individuals to put together a new job description. 3) The sale of 105 Allen Street has closed and the new owner, Olivia Lovely, has started to move in. 4) The 103 Allen building is suppose to close towards the end of February. 5) The 109 Allen building is not moving. We have done some cleaning in the building to make it more presentable. 6) Concerning the Not Too Shabby Building next door, Mr. Morris from Olympia is working with the State to take care of some issues. I will be meeting with Mr. Morris on Thursday to discuss a survey which has been completed. Closing should be around the First of March. 7) The River Road property has not been put on the market. Letters will be going out to the individuals who have made offers on the property.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: No Report

Sharon Zimmerman: Public Works Director David Sypher is not here tonight because he is in union negotiations.

Wayne Nelson: 1) We are still accepting applications for our Citizens' Police Academy which will begin March 7. 2) There will be an open house Tuesday, February 27, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to honor Captain Doug Taylor who is retiring from the Kelso Police Department with 29 years of service. 3) Promotional examinations will begin next week for the captain position and a sergeant position.

Veryl Anderson: No Report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: I'm trying to keep an open mind concerning the sale of Longview Fibre.

Mark Chester: No Report

David Futcher: There was an article in the Daily News last week concerning CUBS that has caused some confusion. There has been no decision to pursue a sales tax increase for CUBS.

John Karnofski: No Report

Todd McDaniel: No Report

Joe Wheeler: We had a great turnout yesterday at my first East Kelso District Town Hall Meeting here in the Council Chambers. These citizens want to take ownership of their area. They felt the Town Hall Meeting was a good way to talk about issues in their neighborhood and they want to know the Councilmembers and City Officials are listening. Many people watch the meetings on TV rather than attending the meetings because they don't want to sit through all the agenda. One suggestion was to add a spot on the newsletter for comments which could be returned with the utility bills.

Don Gregory: 1) I am putting together a Town Hall Meeting for South Kelso to be held at Wallace School. 2) Thanked the Scouts for coming to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

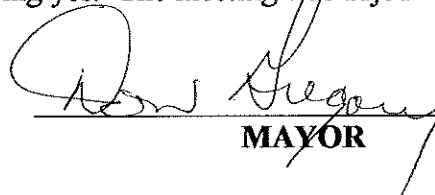
Roy Daggett: Spoke from the audience about his concern for the children because sex offenders are being able to register in our community as transients.

Discussion followed. It was suggested Mr. Daggett contact Sheriff Mahoney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



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