

Councilmember Joe Wheeler 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, Slater, Wheeler, McDaniel, Karnofski, Roberson, and Myers.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/1/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Dr., thanked Councilmember Wheeler for holding the East Kelso Town Hall Meeting last night and spoke about the location of the skateboard park. Discussion followed.

Larry Hembree, 1511 Tara St., Kelso, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Recreation Council concerning fireworks stands. Discussion followed.

Frank Froberg, 120 Alderwood Lane, Longview, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Cheer Boosters who have assisted the Kelso Recreation Council in running their fireworks stands for the past four years. Fireworks sales help to fund events and purchase equipment the school district cannot provide.

PRESENTATIONS:

Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris gave a power point presentation showing some of the progress that has been made through the nuisance abatement program, making the City of Kelso a better place to live. Discussion followed. Don thanked Chuck Klawitter for the very impressive collection of pictures he took showing some of the improvements that have been made on houses in his neighborhood and around the city. A copy was handed to each Councilmember.

Marion Olmsted, Executive Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, and Eric Yakovich from Lower Columbia Mental Health, thanked the Council for their past support. The document recording fees helped provide funds needed to put in an elevator at the Columbia Apartments. An invitation was extended to Councilmembers and staff to attend an open house at the Columbia Apartments, located at 202 N. Pacific, on Wednesday, April 23rd, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tour the building and take a ride in the brand new elevator.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,431,331.43

Liquor License Application: El Tucan *Stricken from the Agenda to allow the Police Department additional time to run a check.*

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Red Lobster #700, 203 Three Rivers Drive; 2) Saviano's Pizzeria, 200 Kelso Drive, Suite 238; 3) Cliff's Hilltop Market, 604 Burcham Street N.; 4) Hilander Bowl, 200 Kelso Drive

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,431,331.43,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Fatcher called a short recess to allow a power point presentation to be set up.

PUBLIC HEARING – Allocate 2008 Home Funding:

Julie Hourcle, Entitlement Program Coordinator for the City of Longview, gave a power point presentation of the Kelso HOME Investment Partnership Program project design proposals for low-and moderate-income housing projects.

Mayor Fatcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

The following people spoke from the audience:

Len Lelevich, Executive Director of Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity, 837 Skyline View Road, Longview, spoke about the project to develop a lot at 800 N. Pacific for new construction of a single-family home. Funds would be used to pay for permits and install some infrastructure. Discussion followed.

Marion Olmstead, Executive Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, spoke about **Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors** and introduced Occupancy Coordinator Jade Cassio and Gus Nolte, a supporter.

Sherrie Tinoco, Director of the Emergency Support Shelter, 304 Cowlitz Way, asked Councilmembers to consider their support to provide transitional housing rental assistance for four families of domestic violence for fifteen months. Sherrie introduced Diane, a domestic survivor, who spoke about how the project helped her.

Marion Olmstead, Executive Director of the Kelso Housing Authority, introduced Occupancy Coordinator Jade Cassio, Drug Court Coordinator Shauna McClosky, Judge Jill Johanson, and Gus Nolte, supporters of the **Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Drug Court/HOPE Court Participants.**

Shauna McClosky, Drug Court Coordinator at the Hall of Justice, 312 S. 1st Ave. W., spoke about the transitional housing rental assistance for four families enrolled in Cowlitz Drug Court and/or HOPE Court for fifteen months.

Jeremiah O'Brien and Alexis Conway, recipients of the drug court vouchers, spoke about how the program has helped them.

Michelle King and Brad Osborne, who entered the Cowlitz County Hope Court Program, spoke about how this program has change their lives.

Discussion followed.

Judge Jill Johanson spoke about the success of the HOPE Court Program.

Gus Nolte, Director of the Drug Abuse Prevention Center, 621 Grade Street, spoke about the voucher program.

Mayor Futch closed the Public Hearing at 8:20 p.m.

Council discussion followed.

MOTION ITEM:

Consideration of Funding 2008 Home Projects:

The amount of money available is \$64,715.00. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Move to fund \$29,760 to the Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors, \$29,760 to Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Drug Court/HOPE Court Participants, and \$5,195 to Habitat for Humanity Pacific Avenue,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – Charles Marvin Rezone

Mayor Futch opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

Community Development Director Michael Kerins gave a brief explanation of the project.

Mayor Futch invited citizens to speak.

Charles Marvin, 210 Stanford Drive, Woodland, spoke about the project to construct four-plexes on three vacant lots on the west side of 7th Avenue.

There being no further comments, Mayor Futch closed the Public Hearing at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION ITEMS:**Ordinance (1st Reading) – Approving Rezone Change to Six Parcels in West Kelso:**

The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KELSO BY CHANGING CERTAIN PARCELS ON THE WEST SIDE OF 7TH AVENUE NW JUST NORTH OF CLARK STREET FROM SINGLE FAMILY 5000 SQUARE FEET TO MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, Slater, McDaniel, Wheeler, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Roberson voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 08-3668 – Amending Ordinance #3575 Regarding Nuisance

Abatement: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 08-3668, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3575, CODIFIED AS KMC 8.24.430, REGARDING NUISANCE ABATEMENT,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 08-3669 – Amending Ordinance #208 Regarding Signposting

Specifications: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 08-3669, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 208, CODIFIED AS KMC 15.16.030, REGARDING SIGNPOSTING SPECIFICATIONS.' Mayor Fatcher said this amendment changes the definition of what type of materials are required for number signs on buildings in the city and specifies a minimum and maximum size to their height. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-969 – Amending Aldercrest/DNR Trust Land Advisory Board

Size Increase: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Adopt Resolution No. 08-969, 'A RESOLUTION CREATING THE KELSO ALDERCREST, DNR TRUST LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF SUCH COMMITTEE, AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF SUCH COMMITTEE.'

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Drive, spoke from the audience about the size of the Aldercrest/DNR Board and asked if the public would be invited to attend these meetings.

Discussion followed. Mayor Fatcher stated the first meeting of the new Aldercrest/DNR Trust Land Advisory Board will be Tuesday, May 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Kelso Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend. Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of a Region IV Homeland Security Mutual Aid Agreement: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the Region IV Homeland Security Mutual Aid Agreement.' Chief Wayne Nelson said functionally, this agreement has been in effect for a long time because the police department has been available to help other entities as needed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Award Contract for 2008 Pavement Repair Project No. 580801 in the Amount of \$273,544.00: Public Works Director David Sypher said when this item was budgeted he didn't anticipate the price going up as high as it did. Discussion followed concerning a couple of options to address the effects of the high bids. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the contract with Lakeside Industries which came in \$45,000 higher than in the 2008 budget,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Hangar Construction Ground Lease *Stricken from the agenda.*

Metal Pole Building Construction at Operations, Project No. 690703: Public Works Director David Sypher said the original contract did not include the cost associated with obtaining the required performance bond, amounting to an additional \$1,966.60, including tax. Mayor Futchter said the original contract amount would be increased from \$60,869.87 to \$62,836.47. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the adjustment to the contract,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) Representatives from Destination Development will present their assessment of how they view Kelso in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend. 2) A short executive session will be needed to discuss real estate acquisition. 3) The AWC Annual Conference will be held in Yakima on June 17-20. 4) The first meeting of the new Aldercrest/DNR Trust Land Advisory Board will be Tuesday, May 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Kelso Council Chambers. 5) The Library open house to celebrate National Library Week is also going on tonight. 6) Authorization is needed to enter into a listing agreement for the sale of property on Oak Street east of the Gene Strader Engineer Building. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into a listing agreement with Butch Henry to list the Oak Street property for sale.'** Discussion followed. **Motion carried, all voting yes.** 7) In an effort to keep Council and the public updated on street overlay projects, we are working on some sort of visual aid. Councilmember Wheeler suggested also putting more information in the utility bills. 8) I received a call from the CEO of Foster Farms lauding David Sypher's efforts on the Sewer Operating Board which netted them some money and helped our local economy.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) The Kelso Engineering Design Manual Meeting that was held on Wednesday, April 2nd, went well. 2) Tam O'Shanter is out to bid. 3) Congratulations to Councilmember Wheeler for a great East Kelso Town Hall Meeting.

Mike Kerins: 1) Building permits were issued to F.H. Sullivan to convert Skateland to a cabinet shop. 2) Preliminary permits were issued to Red Canoe and groundbreaking should begin soon. 3) Don Harris is now working full time as our nuisance abatement officer.

Wayne Nelson: 1) Tonight a meeting is being held at the County Administration Building making a proclamation recognizing National Crime Victims' Rights Week. 2) Philip Weismiller will start work tomorrow as our newest police officer. He will be attending the Police Academy at a later date.

Brian Butterfield: No report

Carol Bradbury: No report

STAFF REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) Spoke about LNG 2) Jerry Bergquist, one of my classmates, passed away. Jerry, a 1947 graduate of Kelso High School, was the owner of the Shamrock Tavern. He was very involved in local sports.

Dan Myers: No report

Joe Wheeler: 1) My East Kelso Town Hall Meeting last night went well and I appreciate all who came. 2) I think we should use the utility bills to pass on information, because citizens who do not have a computer do not have access to the website.

Todd McDaniel: 1) Mark your calendar for the Ethnic Support Council International Dinner with a Russian theme, which will be on August 15. 2) The Kelso baseball team is undefeated. Trevor May has thrown two no hitters and the scouts are watching him pitch. It's very impressive!

Rick Roberson: No report

John Karnofski: No report

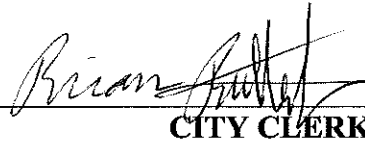
David Futcher: Income Tax day is over!

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss a real estate acquisition. At 9:20 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK