

Father Mel Straz, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic 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, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Webb.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/2/10 Regular Meeting and the 11/4/10 Special Budget Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – Adopt a Revised Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2011-2016:

Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Public Works Director David Sypher spoke about the update that is needed to facilitate the on-going progress of the West Main Re-alignment Project and to initiate work on the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Study. Mayor Futcher invited citizens to make comments. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of November 15 through November 19, 2010, as "International Education Week" in the City of Kelso. Foreign Exchange Students Annika from Germany and Daphne from Holland accepted the proclamation and spoke briefly about their host families. Annika attends R A Long and Daphne attends Kelso High School.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Memorandum of Understanding – Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue**
2. **WSDOT Traffic Signal General Maintenance Agreement**
3. **Appointment of Municipal Court Judges**
4. **Interlocal Agreement – Street Waste Beneficial Reuse Facility**
5. **Auditing of Accounts: \$1,468,955.66**
6. **Liquor License Renewals** – Plaza Jalisco, 400 W. Main; Quick Stop Market, 807 S. Pacific

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield asked to have Item No. 1 (MOU with Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue) pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of Item No. 1, and the auditing of accounts in the amount of \$1,468,955.66,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Memorandum of Understanding – Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue: Due to the current economic conditions, the City and Cowlitz 2 agreed that the current annual fee of \$300,000 for fire and emergency medical services will be temporarily reduced to \$240,000 for the 2011 budget year. Finance Director/City Clerk Butterfield spoke about the MOU contradicting the budget as it sits now, because we are assuming that the \$60,000 decrease we pay Cowlitz 2 will go through 2012. If the 2012 budget is passed, we will be out \$60,000. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Webb, ‘Authorize the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue.’** Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Roberson, Myers, Webb, Schimmel, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember McDaniel voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 10-1029 – Cancelling Unclaimed Warrants: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, ‘Pass Resolution No. 10-1029, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO CANCELLING CERTAIN WARRANTS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.56.040,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 10-1030 – Authorizing an Increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass Resolution No. 10-1030, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Roberson, Myers, McDaniel, Webb, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Schimmel voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 10-1031 – Setting the 2011 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass Resolution No. 10-1031, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,329,253 FOR THE 2011 BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Councilmembers Karnofski, Roberson, Myers, McDaniel, Webb, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Schimmel voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 10-1032 – Adopt Revised Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2011-2016: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Webb, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel,

'Pass Resolution No. 10-1032, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A REVISED SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.' Discussion followed concerning the reason the Riverfront Park Pedestrian Access (Item 4) is so high on the TIP list. Public Works Director Sypher said the pedestrian access has to do with the third rail. Previously, \$300,000 was received for a pedestrian crossing; however, it was not feasible because there were no additional funds to complete the project. We have been allowed to transfer that money from the south end of Kelso and now we have the entire area, where the golf course is now, to develop. This will allow us to make the decisions as to where and how we want that crossing. Also discussed was the Kelso Drive Bridge Repair project (Item 3). The work was completed; however, it cannot be removed from the list until the Department of Revenue paperwork has been finalized. Yew Street was also discussed briefly. David said it is design ready; however, additional funding is needed to complete the project. A storm drain system is also needed, because there is no place for the water to go. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Budget Revision #3 for 2010 Fiscal Year: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2010 BUDGET TO REFLECT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER EXPENDITURES OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SAID BUDGET WAS ADOPTED.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Increase Business License Fees: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS. 3657 and 3558, CODIFIED AS KMC 5.02.060 REGARDING BUSINESS REGISTRATION/LICENSE FEES FOR ENGAGING IN ANY BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF KELSO.' Mayor Futcher said this ordinance would increase the license fee from \$25 to \$50 a year. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Roberson, Myers, McDaniel, Webb, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmember Schimmel voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) We are in the middle of union negotiations concerning some adjustments that need to be made to the budget. I am proud of our staff in the way they are trying to be part of the solution. 2) The crews are continuing to work on winterization, to get ready for the upcoming winter season. 3) We are working on

planning and preparation of the CIP, including the 2011 overlay. 4) We have applied for our CHAP Street Grants which will assist in some of our turn-back streets that we received from the Department of Transportation. 5) The Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is going through their budget and union negotiations, and we are participating in those functions. We have been able to cut our annual assessment, a savings of about \$300,000, due to some of our sewer improvements. 6) Our Third Avenue project is complete and I think you will be pleased with the results. 7) Councilmember Myers reported the Three Rivers Wastewater recently had an audit and there were no findings.

Michael Kerins: Terry's Salvage Yard has been demolished and cleared. The site is a hazardous waste site, so the next step is to clean up the soil. A representative from a firm in Bellingham has looked at the site and will help us apply for a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Ecology, so that area can be cleaned up and redeveloped.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) We have been busy with school, daycare field trips, and story times 2) We are gearing up for the Tree Lighting event, "A Cowboy Christmas," which will be at the Kelso Depot on Friday, December 3rd, from 5:00 to 8:00.

Darr Kirk: We had our annual Police Department dinner. It was great to have a relaxing evening with our co-workers and spouses. All of our officers have done a great job, but the following officers were recognized for some special accomplishments: Detective Mark Berglund, worked on the Fibre robbery and a Foster Farms fraud investigation; Detective John Johnston, worked on some high profile cases; Officer Bebe McFall, coordinated the Shop With a Cop Program and the Citizens Academy; Officer Craig Christianson, coordinated for National Night Out; and Officer Darrell Stair served five years on the Cowlitz County SWAT Unit.

Brian Butterfield: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: No report

Rick Roberson: 1) Tomorrow night we will have a Town Hall/Community Chat beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Wallace School. Citizens are urged to attend. 2) Reminded Councilmembers that the first topic on their list of Council goals was to work with the State Legislatures that represent Kelso.

Dan Myers: Dan welcomed the foreign exchange students who spoke earlier and shared that his daughter-in-law is from Germany.

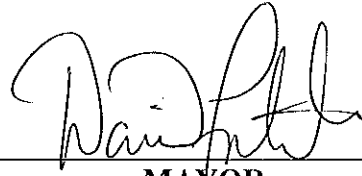
Todd McDaniel: At the last Council Meeting I spoke about the transportation plan Cowlitz Transit Authority (CUBS) is working on. The plan will be discussed at a workshop tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. at Longview City Hall. Everyone is welcome.

James Webb: No report

Gary Schimmel: No report

David Futcher: No report

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.



MAYOR



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