

Pastor Russ Tevis, Central Christian 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, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Malella.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 12/2/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Anthony J. Currena, 803 S. 6th Ave., spoke about the utility rate increase. Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,327,755.17

Offender Services Agreement, 2009: *Stricken from the Agenda*

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Last Chance Tavern, 1107 N. Pacific; 2) Red Lion Hotel, 510 Kelso Drive; 3) Rite Aid #5387, 230 Kelso Dr.; 4) 13th Ave. Mini Mart, 1821 13th Ave.; 5) Shari's of Kelso, 205 S. Kelso Dr.; 6) Tim's Bar & Grill, 213 Allen St.

Liquor License Application: El Tucan, 409 S. Pacific

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,327,755.17,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Reappointments/Appointments:

With Council's consensus, Mayor Futcher made the following appointments:

Kelso Municipal Court Judges

Judge David R. Koss

Judge Ed Putka

Judge Michael H. Evans

Civil Service Commission

Darrell Frost, Term Ending 12/31/2014

Park Board

Stephanie Sparks, Term Ending 12/31/2009

Jerry Phillips, Term Ending 12/31/2009

Pamela Jo Enbusk, Term Ending 12/31/2011

Planning Commission

Larry Peterson, Term Ending 11/01/2012

Mark Kirkland, Term Ending 11/01/2012

Tim Sparks, Term Ending 11/01/2012

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 08-3692 – 2009/10 Budget: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 2nd reading, 'AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE 2009/10 FISCAL YEARS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 08-3693 – 2008 Budget Revision #2: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass on 2nd reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2008 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 No. 08-3694 – Authorize Interfund Loan: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 2nd Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STADIUM FUND, DECLARING SUCH TRANSFER TO BE A LOAN, SETTING A RATE OF INTEREST TO BE CHARGED, AND PROVIDING FOR REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-985 – Surplus Equipment (Large Format Copy Machine): The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Resolution No. 08-985, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Cowlitz County Grant Amendment: Public Works Director David Sypher said the T-Hangar construction at the airport is in process and some grant money will not be used. This amendment would allow the unused money to be spent on the installation of water and sewer service for a potential air ambulance service. Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Accept the Cowlitz County Grant Amendment.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Water Treatment Chemical Bids for Year 2009: Public Works Director Sypher said this item will be about \$4,000 over budget because most of the chemicals used for water treatment have increased in price due to the rising fuel costs. Councilmember McDaniel moved, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Award bids to the respective low bidders for water treatment chemical purchased for the year 2009.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) Thursday, December 18th, candidates will be interviewed for the Chief of Police position. 2) The Community Assessment Task Force met last night. They have some good ideas. 3) I want to thank the staff for my reception last week. 4) You are invited to an employee potluck Tuesday, December 23rd, at 11:30. 5) City employees are putting together two food baskets and adopting two families for Christmas. The employees have been very generous. 6) I just want to plant a seed concerning the possible use of Catlin Hall for a senior center for Kelso residents.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) I want to thank my staff for their generosity this Christmas season. We are developing as a team. 2) The crew has been doing a great job during this cold weather. 3) Merry Christmas!

Janean Parker: No report

Michael Kerins: 1) The Planning Commission has completed their review of the proposed revisions of the zoning ordinance. They should complete their review of the revisions to the subdivision ordinance in January. An open house will be held for the public in January. Hearings for the zoning ordinance revision, the subdivision ordinance revisions, and adoption of the permit review ordinance should be brought to Council in February. 2) Merry Christmas!

Wayne Nelson: 1) I attended a National Weather Service briefing late this morning. The forecast is for snow beginning tonight and lasting off and on all day tomorrow with an accumulation of two to six inches in the valley. It will remain cold and more snow is expected on the weekend. Have fun but be safe! 2) The Cowlitz County DUI Traffic Safety Task Force presented a plaque to the Kelso Police Department in appreciation of our efforts since 1998 to promote traffic safety in Cowlitz County. 3) Several of our officers, along with Chaplin Steve White, participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program at Target on Saturday, December 13th. Many people contributed money to this program allowing us to take a dozen low-income Kelso kids Christmas shopping with a police officer.

Brian Butterfield: 1) I want to say thanks to all the girls in the Finance Department for the work they did to make the Kelso Tree Lighting Festival a success. Patty Murray and Renee Buttler put in many hours of their own time. 2) Merry Christmas!

Carol Bradbury: I just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: 1) Asked about the interview process to select the new Police Chief. City Manager Richards said there will be three groups including Marcy, Becky, and Police Guild members; Department Heads; and an at-large group in the community. 2) Last night Dean Takko spoke at the Head Start Council Meeting. The current economic situation was discussed including the State's \$6 million dollar deficit. Everyone is affected and we need to be conservative to get through this difficult time.

Rick Roberson: 1) Merry Christmas! 2) I want to thank the staff for helping the needy.

Dan Myers: No report

Gerald Malella: 1) Spoke about the need to focus on a senior center. 2) Asked if the public is allowed to sit in on the Police Chief interviews. Mayor Futcher said this is not an open public meeting. 3) Community Development Director Kerins was asked to comment about the potential plan to allow dwellings in the upper floor of retail buildings in the downtown area. 4) I attended an Airport Board. Work has been started on the T-Hangers and one commercial hangar. 5) Councilmember Karnofski and I attended a meeting in Longview pertaining to homeless people and the need to find immediate housing.

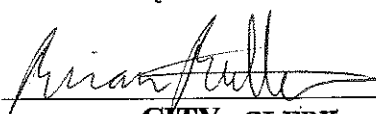
John Karnofski: No report

David Futcher: 1) Stay safe during our bad weather. 2) This holiday season and throughout the year, remember to help your neighbors.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK