

Pastor David Grauer, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futchter led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futchter. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futchter, Karnofski, Slater, Myers, Malella, McDaniel, Roberson, and Student Representative Jim McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 8/5/08 Regular Meeting and the 8/12/08 Special Meeting/Council Workshop,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jim McDaniel, Kelso High School ASB President: The Leadership Conference was held August 14 and 15, with 55 students in attendance. The Kelso High 08/09 theme is PRIDE. Some key areas to promote pride will be increasing involvement in after-school functions; providing and using bins for paper, cans, and plastic; and increasing school spirit by designing fun and engaging assemblies.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Michael P. Griffiths, a representative from **Life Flight Network, LLC,** spoke about their plans for a life flight helicopter ambulance service to be stationed at the Kelso-Longview Airport. Council discussion followed.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th Avenue, thanked Public Works Director David Sypher and the Council for addressing street problems on Minor Road and Allen Street and nuisance abatement issues on 7th.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,896,908.07

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,896,908.07,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 08-980 – Adopting a Downtown Façade Improvement Loan

Program: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 08-980, 'A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING PROPERTIES WITHIN A DESIGNATED AREA OF DOWNTOWN.' Community Development Director Mike Kerins said approximately \$100,000 of HUD 1 money is available and can be used for façade improvements. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-981 – Adopting Revisions to the City’s Six-Year Transportation Program, 2009-2014: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass Resolution No. 08-981, ‘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.’ Public Works Director Sypher said passing this resolution will allow the City to move forward with the Burlington Northern Crossing and the West Main realignment project. Council discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-982 – Approving the Local Agency Federal Aid Prospectus and Local Agency Agreement for the West Main Re-alignment Project: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass Resolution No. 08-982,’ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, APPROVING THE LOCAL AGENCY FEDERAL AID PROSPECTUS AND LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE WEST MAIN RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT.’ Public Works Director Sypher said the goal is to move traffic in the most efficient way and meet the needs of the citizens and businesses in west Kelso. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Wildlife Management Plan Contract: Public Works Director Sypher said the airport currently has several wildlife safety issues. A plan is needed to better protect airplane take-off and landings from wildlife in the flight path. Having a completed wildlife plan will also qualify the City for necessary grants to remedy some of the identified problems. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Award the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Contract to the United States Department of Wildlife Services in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Services Contract with MacKay & Sposito, Inc., for Rotary Skate Park Design: Public Works Director Sypher gave an update of the project and explained some of the issues that need to be addressed. The contract with MacKay & Sposito would provide a complete professional design and bid package for the park for a total amount of \$39,350, which includes \$30,650 for the base amount, \$4,200 for the Park Master Plan, and \$4,500 for sewer relocation. Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Authorize the services contract with MacKay & Sposito, Inc., in the amount of \$39,350 for the Rotary Skate Park Design.’ Lengthy discussion followed.

The following citizens spoke from the audience:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon, feels there are storm sewer problems on his property and spoke against the amount of money being spent on the skate park.

Jeremy Hooper, 2340 East Castleman, Longview, owner of Plan-Z Skateboard Shop, spoke in favor of moving forward with the skate park and setting a ground breaking date.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th Avenue, spoke in favor of the skate park for the youth in our city.

Discussion continued. A roll call vote was taken. **Councilmembers Myers, Karnofski, Slater, McDaniel, Malella, Roberson, and Futcher voted yes.** Motion passed.

Consideration of Scope of Work for Utility Study of Water/Sewer Rate Update:

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Enter into an agreement with the FCS Group for the scope of work for utility study of water/sewer rate update.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Closeout Summary, 2008 Pavement Repair Project in the amount of \$271,599.24:

Public Works Director Sypher said Dave Mack, the project manager, did a great job. The project came in nearly \$2,000 under budget. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Authorize the closeout of the 2008 pavement repair project,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Lodging Tax Advisory Board Recommendation to Fund Projects: Councilmember McDaniel reported the Lodging Tax Advisory Board met tonight at 5:30 to discuss KDRA's request for \$4,000 to be used at the bike rally on September 6th. These funds will be used primarily for stage rental and insurance. Also, a request for \$3,500 has been made to go to the Washington State USBC to offset some of the costs of flyers, brochures, and operating expenses for the state tournament to be held at the Triangle Bowl on September 27th. Red Lion will be the host hotel for the event. The Lodging Tax Advisory Board recommends approval of both requests. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the expenditures totaling \$7,500,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) City Manager Paul Brachvogel will email his Council Goal Status Report to Councilmembers. 2) The parking lot project at Tam O'Shanter is progressing well and will be completed in time for the Highlander Festival.

Mike Kerins: 1) Concerning the railroad quiet zone issue, there will be a joint site visit with officials from Burlington Northern/Santa Fe, the state, and city at 1:00 p.m. on September 17th to evaluate the two crossings to determine what kind of upgrades would be necessary. 2) The consultant that is making the revisions for the zoning and subdivision ordinance has come up with a draft. Citizens are invited to be involved in the process and provide input. Contact the Community Development Department for more information.

Wayne Nelson: The Police Department is short handed due to vacations, training, and Ernie Moore's retirement. Phil Weismiller, who will fill the vacant position, is at the Police Academy.

Carol Bradbury: 1) I want to introduce Traci Gowdy from the Finance Department who is training tonight. 2) Finance Director Brian Butterfield is on vacation.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Dan Myers: 1) Concerning Student Representative Jim McDaniel's comments about school pride, as a bus driver, I would like to mention when students ride the bus they are representing their school. 2) The Council has talked about having a performance review for the City Manager. I have collected forms and procedures from various cities that I will pass on to Councilmembers to review.

John Karnofski: No report

Alan Slater: I read in the National Geographic a story called *Signs and Solutions for a Thirsty Planet*. At the end of this century, millions of people in the world may be without water due to loss of glaciers and the pollution of rivers in many countries. We don't want foreign countries to take our water from the Columbia River without paying for it.

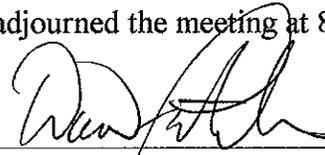
Todd McDaniel: No report

Gerald Malella: Is the railroad responsible for any of the upgrades for the quiet zone? Community Development Director Mike Kerins said the city is responsible for making the improvements for the crossings. As soon as it is determined how much it will cost, we will start looking for sources of money.

Rick Roberson: 1) I will be having a South Kelso Town Hall Meeting at Wallace School on September 24th, beginning at 5:30 p.m. 2) If anyone is interested, I have a video of the thunderstorms we had Saturday night.

David Futcher: Wished Councilmember McDaniel best of luck in the elections this evening.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



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