

Pastor Dave Davis, Salvation Army 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, Malella, and Student Representative Joey Tagliarino.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 5/19/09 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

KSD Student Representative:

Joey Tagliarino, 2009-2010 ASB President: 1) The track team placed second in the league. One boy placed first for the 300 meter hurdles and one girl placed eighth in the triple jump at state. 2) The girl's softball team took first at state. 3) Seniors' finals will be June 9th and 10th. 4) The Seniors' scholarships and awards ceremony is on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. 5) Baccalaureate, which is sponsored by the Cowlitz County Ministerial Association, is on June 11th at 7:00 p.m. 6) Graduation will be Saturday, June 13th, at 1:00 p.m. 7) ASB will start interviewing for Secretary, Historian, and Publicity Manager Thursday morning. 8) Jared Nickerson is the new ASB Vice President.

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department Promotions:

City Manager Dennis Richards spoke about the process that was used to select the new captain and sergeant. The promotions were made from within the department.

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton announced the promotion of **Jeremy Darr Kirk to Captain**. Mayor Futcher administered the Oath to Darr. Darr's wife, Melissa; daughter, Kahler; and son Riley helped change Darr's badges from sergeant to captain.

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton announced the promotion of **Damon Blain to Sergeant**. Mayor Futcher administered the Oath to Damon. Damon's wife, Amy; Daughter Charlize; and Sons Jaden and Mason helped change Damon's badges from detective to sergeant.

Mayor Futcher called a five-minute recess. The meeting was called back to order at 7:19 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Comprehensive Land Use Map and Zoning Map Amendment: (Grade Street, Coweeman Park Drive, & 13th & Colorado)

Mayor Fatcher opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Community Development Director Michael Kerins handed out a package including various maps and spoke about some of the proposed changes. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Fatcher closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Mike White, 907 S. 6th, asked why the City will charge him \$300 in permits to install a flag pole. Community Development Director Kerins said Mr. White was given some incorrect information. The only fee required is a building permit, which should be minimal for a flag pole.

Christopher Sabo, 714 S. 5th, spoke about trees on Cedar Street that he needs to trim, but feels it is unsafe due to the speeding traffic. He suggested police officers monitor this area. Discussion followed.

Anthony Currena, 803 S. 6th Avenue, spoke about cars with loud music and noisy exhaust systems driving through his neighborhood. Discussion followed.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Humane Society Update: City Manager Richards visited the Humane Society and Executive Director Rick Johnson. An ordinance update will be brought to Council for approval in an upcoming meeting. Discussion followed concerning the need for an after-hours/weekend phone number.

Rotary Skate Park – Award Bid to Thompson Brothers Excavating, Inc., (\$424,047): Public Works Director David Sypher said the bid from Thompson Brothers was the only bid received. The subcontractor on this project is Grindline Skateparks. If the bid is awarded, the City would need to appropriate an additional \$89,000 to the budget to cover the bid amount and a 5% contingency. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Mayor Fatcher, 'Approve the bid to Thompson Brothers with the additional \$89,000.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers McDaniel, Karnofski, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmembers Slater, Myers, Malella, and Roberson voted no. The motion failed 3 to 4.

Rodd Marks, 1007 N. 10th Avenue, spoke from the audience concerning a conversation he had with the Grindline folks who indicated there is a three-year waiting list to get a park built.

Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Submit the skate park again for bids and readdress it next month.' Further discussion followed. Councilmembers McDaniel, Karnofski,

Myers, Malella, Roberson and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Approval of the 2009-2013 HOME and CDBG Consolidated Plan: Julie Hourcle', City of Longview Community Development, handed out and discussed the Project Funding Summary and various changes made to the plan. One public comment relating only to the City of Longview was received during the 30-day comment period. Julie spoke about some corrections and additions including updated figures for the CDBG program for 2009. HUD made an allocation shortly after the plan was prepared. Home dollars were increased by \$40,194 in 2009. The City of Kelso will be receiving a rollover obligation next year for approximately \$7,500 to add to the 2010 program. Homeowner refinancing was also discussed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to approve the 2009-2013 HOME and CDBG Consolidated Plan,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Coweeman Park Drive Utility Relocation – Award Contract to Carney Construction in the amount of \$104,176.91

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Amend the Comp Plan Land Use Map and the Official Zoning Map: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REVISING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN LAND USE MAP AND THE ZONING MAP AS PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 09-3702 – Amending an Ordinance to Include Street/Alley Vacations and Engineering Design Review Fee Schedule: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3702, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 08-3674 TO INCLUDE STREET/ALLEY VACATIONS AS PART OF THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS AND PROCEDURE, AND ENGINEERING DESIGN REVIEW FEES SCHEDULE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) The Eagle Scout has completed his project refinishing the benches in front of City Hall. He did a great job. 2) City Council Agendas for 2008 and 2009 are now on the Kelso website. Older agendas will be added soon. 3) Applications are being accepted for Council Position #6 due to Councilmember Slater's announcement to retire effective June 30th. Applications need to be received by Friday, June 5th, at 4:00 p.m. A special meeting to interview applicants will be held Monday, June 8th, at 7:00 p.m. 4) There will be an Airport Master Plan workshop June 16th at 6:00 p.m. 5) June 30th, at 6:00 p.m., we will have a Community Task Force Workshop with Rick Winsman to discuss various ideas that have come from the task force meetings. 6) City staff members will have a Root Beer Float fundraiser Thursday, June 4th, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., to raise money to buy shoes, socks, and underwear for kids at Wallace School. 7) An executive session will be needed to discuss a personnel issue.

STAFF MEMBERS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) The water reservoir cleaning project has been awarded by the small works roster. 2) The Burcham Street stairs will soon be opened up. The storm line has been put in and a protective fence will be installed. 3) A guardrail will be put in on South River Road. 4) A citizen has donated \$1,000 to make some repairs on the clock tower. 5) We will be replacing pressure reducing valves in our water system. 6) The Coweeman Park utilities bid was awarded tonight. 7) Out to bid is the runway crack sealing and the replacement of double pane windows in the FBO building at the airport. 8) The Kelso Bridge painting is underway. 9) Out to bid is the 13th Street overlay. 10) We will put the skate park out to bid again. 11) We have completion of our chip seal preparation, so the County can begin work. 12) We are in process of doing a sewer line map and inventory repair. We had to find 1100 of our manholes.

Michael Kerins: Gave an update of the Nuisance Abatement program. A more friendly approach is being used to solicit voluntary compliance. Don Harris has been handing out orange postcards to citizens whose properties need some cleanup and the results have been very successful. 2) Spoke about map amendments which will be brought to the next Council meeting. 3) We are almost finished with the scope of work for the Comp Plan update. Work groups and open house meetings will be held. Anyone in the community that is willing to be on a steering committee or provide feedback should contact the Community Development Department.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) Tonight we had our "Heat of the Moon" book discussion. 2) Our discussion book for July is Caterskill Falls. 3) Councilmembers and staff were given the new 2009 flier called "Be Creative @ Your Library" which outlines county-wide programs. Sign-ups start June 19th and the first program is June 24th. The summer programs will include puppets, singing, ukulele lessons, and lots of fun events. 4) A couple of years ago Altrusa and Red Canoe Credit Union offered donations of \$15,000

each for murals, bookshelves, toys, books, and other various activities. They are in the planning stages and will act on that sometime during the summer.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) CIT (mental health) training is currently in process. 2) Range training will be held at the end of this week. 3) Officer Marthaller will graduate from the Police Academy on June 23rd.

Brian Butterfield: We are in the second week of the annual audit. The auditors like to have an entrance conference with the city manager, department heads, and some councilmembers which usually takes a few minutes. It was determined last year that it is a waste of resources and the entrance conference should be discontinued; however, the auditors will send out packets containing the information. Councilmembers agreed.

Carol Bradbury: Just a reminder to Councilmembers whose terms expire this year that the filing period for the 2009 elections ends Friday, June 5th.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) Gave a history of the diking district. Concerning stormwater management, it is important to look at the history when making decisions for the future. 2) It has been very enjoyable working with all of you.

Dan Myers: 1) Progress is moving slowly at the Governmental Conference parks subcommittee meetings. 2) The Kelso Train Depot volunteers, who will be hosting the station, are taking a trip to Olympia to the Centennial Station on Saturday to view their operation and talk about their volunteer program.

Rick Roberson: 1) I attended another Community Summit Regional Library Committee meeting. We are looking at different options. 2) I am on a subcommittee pertaining to building codes. We are trying to make building permits more user friendly for people to build and develop. 3) The landscaping at 4th & Allen Street look great!

John Karnofski: No report

Gerald Malella: 1) I attended KDRA's Spring Fling this weekend. It was well attended. 2) Spoke about the motion that was tabled for the strategic plan for the forty-seven acres at the fairgrounds and the conference center that County Commissioner Axel Swanson discussed at the last Council Meeting. Upon motion by Councilmember Malella, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Move to set up a workshop with Axel Swanson or a representative of the County to revisit the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee's Expo Center Feasibility Study.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Todd McDaniel: 1) CAP is moving some of the offices and the thrift store within their current location. 2) The Cowlitz Transit Authority voted to have free bus service for the third quarter.

David Futcher: I want to encourage citizens to apply for the Council position that will be open in July. Interested citizens need to have lived in Kelso for a year and live in the area north of Allen Street between the freeway and the river. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of proposing an amendment to the Kelso Charter to allow changes such as redistricting.

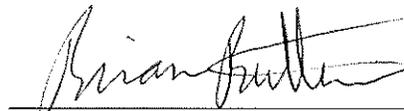
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. At 9:12 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.



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