

Mayor Don Gregory opened the Special Meeting at 8:15 a.m. Councilmembers in attendance were Gregory, Wheeler, Futcher, Karnofski, Chester, McDaniel, and Slater.

Topics of Discussion:

Merry Christmas from the Mayor:

Mayor Gregory wished Councilmembers and staff a very Merry Christmas.

Ordinance No. 07-3660 – Authorize Pay Raise for Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Council Members: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Nonmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3660, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-3584, CODIFIED AS KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 2.04.030, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.’

Richard Vonrock, 400 N. 7th, spoke from the audience about the potential pay raise for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilmembers and the fact that the discussion took place after the Executive Session when the audience had left.

Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, ‘Move to amend the ordinance by eliminating Section C, raising the compensation for the Deputy Mayor.’ Discussion followed.

Mayor Gregory stated the increase in pay would not affect him because he just submitted his resignation effective December 31, 2007.

A roll call vote was taken to adopt Ordinance No. 07-3660. Councilmembers Slater, Chester, Futcher, Wheeler, and Gregory voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel and Karnofski voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

Consideration of Acceptance of Donated Real Property Located at 1115 S. Pacific Avenue: City Manager Paul Brachvogel stated a motion is needed to accept the property. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Move to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement to accept the property at 1115 S. Pacific contingent upon receiving a letter of nonsignificance from DOE,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Authorizing the Sale of Certain Real Property to Nicholson Enterprises: City Manager Brachvogel spoke about this City-owned property, also known as the River Road property, which has been listed for sale. The property has been sold and the closing date is December 31st; however, an ordinance

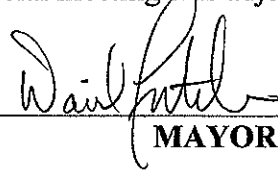
has not been brought to Council. The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THAT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY (BARE LAND) TO NICHOLSON ENTERPRISES, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

City Manager Brachvogel set a special meeting Monday, December 24, at 10:30 for the second reading of the ordinance.

City Manager Brachvogel invited Councilmembers to stay for the Staff Breakfast and congratulate them on a successful year. Great things are happening!

City Manager Brachvogel announced Civil Engineer Jerry Sorrell will be leaving the end of the year.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The special meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK