

Pastor John Jorgenson, Three Rivers Bible 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, McDaniel, Webb, Roberson, Myers, and Schimmel. Councilmember Karnofski was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/3/11 Regular Meeting.' Councilmember Myers asked to have the following correction made to his report: change "matrix" to "metrics". The motion to approve the minutes with the correction carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 2011 as "**Older Americans Month**" in the City of Kelso. Mike Reardon, a representative of the SW Washington Agency on Aging, accepted the proclamation. Citizens were invited to attend an open house on May 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to noon to honor Lower Columbia CAP's Shiba Program, a group of senior volunteers that help other senior citizens navigate the complex systems of insurance and Medicare.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 16 through May 20, 2011, as "**National Bike to Work Week**" in the City of Kelso. David Freece accepted the proclamation and encouraged residents to ride their bicycles. He spoke about the numbers "403 and 39" being significant because \$4.03 is the average price for a gallon of gas and 39 is the number ranking Cowlitz County in terms of how healthy it is compared to the other 38 counties. Ride your bike to the Triangle Mall Starbucks Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for free coffee. A flier with an event schedule was available for citizens.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 16 through May 22, 2011, as "**National Salvation Army Week**" in the City of Kelso. Hal Palmer accepted the proclamation and invited citizens to a fundraiser on Saturday to benefit Community House. Breakfast will be served at a cost of \$5 and lunch for \$10.

PRESENTATION:

Public Works Presentation: Public Works Director, David Sypher, commended his staff and gave a brief summary of some of the work that is handled in the various areas of public works. He thanked the citizens for their patience concerning the pothole repairs. Due to lack of a street department, the drainage department crew is trying to set aside time on a monthly basis to make the needed repairs. David also thanked City Manager Richards and the other department heads for their assistance and noted that the Public Works Department succeeds because of the team.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License Renewals:** a) Holt's Quick Check, 400 N. Pacific; b) Izzy's Pizza, 1001 Grade Street; c) Target Stores T-0628, 205 Three Rivers Drive; d) Quick Stop Market, 500 Allen Street
2. **Reappointment:** Marjorie Pitcher, Housing Authority (Term Expires 1-1-16)
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,318,490.68

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,318,490.68,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

James Guizzotti, 909 Cowlitz Way, 1) Spoke from the audience concerning an alley near North Pacific & First and Harris & Columbia that has many potholes. On one side of the street there are four houses, a triplex, and a duplex that have no driveways. Several senior citizens live in this area. There is a church on the other side and cars have to go through the alley to use the handicapped parking. Public Works Director Sypher asked Mr. Guizzotti to call the Public Works Department or go online to fill out a customer concern form. The request will be put on a list and the crew will get to it when they can. 2) Mr. Guizzotti also said it was commendable that the city officials started the Council Meeting with a word of thanks for all our blessings.

Leo Pisarchuk, 3514 Pacific Way, Longview, spoke on behalf of Victory Center. On March of 2011 several Victory Center representatives went door-to-door to residents in South Kelso to obtain signatures on a petition requesting the City of Kelso to lift the use ordinance restrictions in downtown Kelso. He noted the petition was meant for awareness, and not for legal purposes. Approximately 812 signatures were obtained. The petitions were given to the Deputy City Clerk.

Morgan R. Canter, 208 Ostrander Avenue, spoke on behalf of Victory Center. The Victory Center's intent is to improve the lives of the citizens in the community. He feels Victory Center makes Kelso a better place because lives can be changed. He asked Councilmembers to give Victory Center a variance.

Mayor Fatcher thanked the Victory Center representatives for coming and explained he had been advised by the attorneys not to comment on the matter since it is currently under litigation.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) It has been a day-by day, hands-on with Mario Sagale employees trying to keep the project moving forward. It looks like they might put down the asphalt

around June 1st. To date, we still haven't received any signed documents showing anyone going in at the wye. 2) We should be receiving a site plan soon for the old Hilander property. 3) I attended a Metropolitan Park District workshop and the discussion was about a potential park district. I would like to know if Councilmembers are interested in having a workshop to discuss the issue. Council discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to only schedule a workshop if the park district has a plan that gets us as good or better quality for the same or lower cost. 4) Enjoy the sun! 5) Councilmember McDaniel spoke about his interests in the red light cameras. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Get more information on the red light cameras.' The motion died for lack of a second.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: 1) I just want to respond briefly to the Victory Center's request. At no point in any of the hearings or litigation were they precluded from being in the city. Under the zoning regulations, they were precluded from a particular area of the city. In fact, at the hearing and on numerous forms we have indicated that we do want them in the city, but that particular location is zoned differently. 2) In this age of electronic communications, I would like to remind Councilmembers to be wary of e-mail communications. A definition of a meeting is any place that a quorum meets to discuss city business. If proper notice isn't provided, it is an illegal meeting. Janean spoke about some general tips to avoid and offered some suggestions. A short discussion followed.

David Sypher: 1) On April 5th Councilmembers awarded a contract for the Paxton Road Reservoir. At that time we awarded a conditional booster station for the residents pending their input concerning price and whether they would be interested in an LID. We made an effort to have everyone respond; however, only one person responded with a "no," and that response was late. Unless the Council directs me otherwise, we will not be putting in a booster station. David pointed out that this will be the residents' fourth time to reject an LID. Discussion followed as to whether or not the residents should be contacted again. It was the consensus of the Council that the residents have made their decision and it would not be necessary to contact them again. 2) Ross Street is complete. It ended up costing more than we had hoped, but we are happy with the way it turned out. When we filled the abandoned line with CDF (a high-density, low-concrete mixture) there was so much water in that line. David noted that a 12-inch line running full of water into our pump station is costly because sewage fees are paid on it. We should see a savings of approximately \$200,000 a year on the sewage charges. 3) Councilmember Myers commented that the parks look great. 4) We are happy with the waterline projects which were expected to cost \$1.75 million, but it is only costing around a million dollars. 5) I was reviewing some data and noticed some glitches in the meter readings, causing a lot of lost revenue. I contacted Dave Roberts of our IT Department and he set up a program to have an automated discovery of these malfunctioning meters. Since December, we have found approximately 400 meters that need to be replaced. 6) Friday, we will interview the top four finalists for the Airport Operations Manager position.

7) Councilmember Roberson passed on a citizen's complaint about the potholes at the recycle station by the old Safeway. Finance Director Brian Butterfield said in order for repairs to be successful, they can't be done until the weather clears up.

Michael Kerins: Concerning the \$200,000 cleanup and redevelopment plan grant from the Department of Ecology, I spoke with the director of that program and he indicated their contracts department is in process of writing the contract and we should receive an offer for the grant in a week or so. In anticipation of that, we have gone out for requests for proposals. The deadline was the 13th. One proposal was received and it is being reviewed. As soon as we get the contract for the grant from ecology, it will be brought to Council for approval.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) I will be going to the schools to promote the "One World Many Stories" summer reading program which will begin in about a month. 2) Red Canoe Credit Union is getting ready to move forward with their contribution to the children's area. 3) Bill Brawand, a fantastic woodworker and the husband of our former employee who passed away recently, built a bench in Georgia's memory. The beautiful bench, which has a plaque in it, was delivered a week ago and has been put in a special reading area that is being dedicated in memory of Georgia. Please come by and have a seat. 4) Councilmember Myers asked how the books are selected for the library. Cindy spoke about a variety of sources that are used. 5) Councilmember Schimmel asked how many volumes are added to the collection each year. Cindy said approximately 1,000 new books are added each year.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Overtime hours are fine this month and we have budgeted for a departmental shoot for next month. The entire department will be brought in for this training which is required to cover our insurance. 2) Last week was a busy one for patrol officers. Two victims were stabbed and an individual was arrested due to the officers' quick and thorough investigation. Chief Hamilton spoke about several other incidents that took place. 3) Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., we will have a free infant car seat clinic under the bridge sponsored by KPD and Cowlitz County Safe Kids. Bring your infant seat and the car it goes in. Last year 95 percent of the car seats that were checked in Cowlitz County were installed incorrectly. 4) Councilmember Myers spoke about a sign at the depot referring to the bus zone, which is no longer appropriate since the busses don't stop there. Chief Hamilton will check on it.

Brian Butterfield: 1) We are about three weeks into our audit. Councilmembers are invited to an entrance conference tomorrow at City Hall beginning at 3:30; however, no more than three should attend so we don't have a quorum. 2) The financial statements for the month of April were given to Councilmembers for their review. Brian pointed out a decrease of \$200,000 in property taxes for the month, which is just a timing matter. Revenues are remaining pretty flat. A short discussion followed.

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: No report

Gary Schimmel: No report

Todd McDaniel: No report

Dan Myers: 1) Spoke about shopping cart control and handed out some information for Councilmembers to view. One suggestion would be to post signs. 2) Approximately 200 people attended National Train Day at the depot last Saturday. Some safety information was handed out. 3) I have a map of the highway and rail modernization plan that Council of Governments, the lead agency, is working on. They are working hard to get some rail improvements to try to minimize the impact to traffic and get more loads in and out of the Port. 4) I am unable to attend the AWC Conference in Spokane June 22, 23, 24th and wondered if anyone would be interested in going since it has already been paid for. City Manager Richards said the reservation was cancelled today.

James Webb: No report

David Futcher: I will not be present at the June 7th Council Meeting because I will be attending my son's eighth grade graduation. Deputy Mayor Todd McDaniel will be in Spokane for some training, so a temporary Deputy Mayor needs to be appointed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Mayor Futcher, 'Appoint Councilmember Myers to run the June 7th Council Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.**

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



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