

Pastor Jerry Dahlke, North Gate City Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Fatcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Fatcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Fatcher, Myers, Roberson, Karnofski, McDaniel, Malella, Slater, and Student Representative Jim McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the minutes of the 10/21/08 Regular Meeting and the 10/22/08 and 10/29/08 Special Meetings,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jim McDaniel, A.S.B. President: 1) Kelso High students are having a food drive and a coin drive for Muscular Dystrophy, 2) A special event will be held for Veterans and their families November 6th, beginning with a breakfast from 8:00 to 9:00 and an assembly following. 3) Friday, December 5th, some music groups will be performing at the Kelso Tree Lighting. 4) There will be a Winter Ball for all students December 6th beginning at 9:00 p.m. 5) A winter choir concert will be held in the auditorium on November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Amber McKnight, 246 Paxton Rd., spoke about the proposed water tank the City of Kelso may decide to put on her property on Paxton Road. Public Works Director David Sypher gave an update of the siting of a new reservoir. He said at this time no decisions have been made about the location; however, this will be discussed in Executive Session tonight. Discussion followed.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bike Rack Presentation: **Hank Sowerwine**, a downtown Longview business builder, handed out information concerning a Bicycle Rack Program. The purpose of the program is to improve the availability of bicycle racks throughout Kelso. Businesses and organizations are invited to participate in the voluntary program. Discussion followed.

Emergency Management Annual Report: **Grover Laseke**, Director of Emergency Management for the Sheriff's Department, oversees the Emergency Management Program for Cowlitz County. An informative power point presentation by Mr. Laseke brought Council up to date on what Emergency Management has been doing so far this year. Discussion followed.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 08-984 – Authorizing an Increase in the Property Tax Levy: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Approve Resolution 08-984, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED PROPERTY.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, Malella, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Increasing Water and Sewer Rates: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass on 1st Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 07-3658 TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES.’ Mayor Fatcher said this ordinance would change the City’s code to show that 7.5% increases in rates would be needed to cover some improvements that need to be made. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Setting Stormwater Rates: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Pass on 1st Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 07-3659, 97-3379, 95-3294, 94-3252, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 93-3225 RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BY ESTABLISHING A NEW BASE RATE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY PARCELS, AND LISTING THE CURRENT MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF OTHER DEVELOPED PARCELS.’ Discussion followed. Councilmember Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, Malella, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Budget Revision: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass on 1st 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 (1st Reading) – Setting the 2009 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass on 1st Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO

BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,286,735 FOR THE 2009 BUDGET OF THE CITY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Legal Council Contract Proposals: Interim City Manager Denny Richards has received offers from Marilyn Haan, Attorney for the City of Longview; Kenyon, Disend located in Issaquah; and Ogden, Murphy and Wallace located in Seattle. Discussion of the three offers followed. It was the consensus of the Council to also consider Attorney Pat Brock, if he is interested. After lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to let City Manager Richards make the decision.

Extension of Contract with Backflow Management, Inc.: Public Works Director David Sypher said the existing contract with BMI, who currently provides the City with a cross connection and backflow prevention program, will be expiring the end of the year. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the extension of the contract with BMI,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Denny Richards: 1) I have been visiting the various departments of the City and I am impressed with the quality of the City of Kelso employees. 2) I have also visited several businesses throughout the community and have found the citizens to be friendly.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) Handed out a pamphlet called *The Solution to Stormwater Pollution*, which will be mailed to the public. 2) In response to Grover Laseke's Emergency Management Annual Report, Councilmember Slater spoke earlier about the need to dredge the Coweeman River. Public Works Director Sypher agrees with Councilmember Slater on the importance of having the river dredged; however, he noted it is the responsibility of the Diking District, not the City of Kelso.

Mike Kerins: The code revision is going slower than expected but it should be brought to Council around the first of the year.

Geraldine de Rooy: 1) Over 100 people attended the annual Halloween Party at the Library. 2) Councilmember Slater would like to donate some copies of a book by John McClelland, Jr., called *R. A. Long's Planned City - The Story of Longview*.

Verne Thompson: The Police Department is shorthanded. Phil Weismiller is completing his field training, Ralph Hines is in Saudi Arabia, and another officer is on medical leave.

Brian Butterfield: 1) The Preliminary Budget will be ready Monday, November 10th. 2) I want to wish Carol Bradbury a Happy Birthday.

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report

Rick Roberson: I have misplaced my sign-up sheet from the Town Hall meeting I had a few weeks ago. A couple living on 7th Avenue attended the meeting and invited me to their home to talk about the roads. If they are watching tonight, I would like them to contact me.

Alan Slater: I have quite a few meetings this month and I am not sure I will be able to attend the Town Hall Meeting November 13th with the Washington State Governor's Committee.

Dan Myers: I attended an open house for Dr. Howton. I want to congratulate him for just being made President of the Washington Dental Association.

Gerald Malella: No report

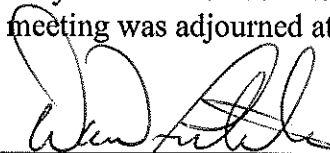
John Karnofski: No report

David Futcher: No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. to discuss a potential property purchase and a personnel issue. At 8:56 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK