

**KELSO CITY COUNCIL
7:00 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 19, 2008
REGULAR MEETING**

Dr. Leroy Mikels, Kelso First Baptist 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, Roberson, Wheeler, Slater, Karnofski, Myers, and McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the minutes of the 2/5/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Sid Snyder Presentation: In an effort to honor former Senator Sid Snyder, a bench has been placed in front of City Hall and a plaque will be presented to him at an event on Sunday, March 2nd, at the Monticello Hotel to rename the R. A. Long Gym the Joe Moses Court.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Chuck Klawitter, 1205 S. 3rd, spoke from the audience about controlling cats and asked for an update concerning the city ordinance. City Manager Paul Brachvogel said he spoke with the director of the Humane Society and was told our ordinance created no obstacles in taking care of the problem. No changes to our ordinance were recommended. Paul suggested setting up a meeting with Mr. Klawitter and the Humane Society Director to discuss the issue.

PRESENTATION:

Kelso-Longview Airport, Denny Wise, Airport Manager: Denny gave a power point presentation concerning the future of the Kelso-Longview Airport and the opportunities the State of Washington feels are available. The airport has a good chance of being named the only regional airport in Southwest Washington. Major areas of concern are the need for additional hangars, runway extension, precision approach, and increasing storage. Discussion followed. Mayor Futcher thanked Mr. Wise for his very informative presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Border Stop Market, 424 Long Avenue; 2) Daily Store, 1012 Pacific Avenue North; 3) Sunrise Market, 1215 S. 6th Avenue; 4) Chuck E. Cheese's, 351 Three Rivers Drive

Auditing of Accounts: January, 2008 \$276,788.67
February, 2008 \$1,367,352.66

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts for \$276,788.67 and \$1,367,352.66,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 08-3665 – Amending Zoning Ordinance, Title 17.50: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 08-3665, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, TITLE 17.50, TO ALLOW FOR A 25 PERCENT EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING USE BEFORE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS ARE REQUIRED TO BE MET.' Mayor Fletcher stated the intent of this ordinance is to make it so a business can make small improvements without being required to bring their property up to current standards. Public Works Director David Sypher invited the public to make comments and said a community meeting will be scheduled soon. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 08-3666 – Extension of the Sprint Communications Contract: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 08-3666, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO EXTENDING THE TERM OF ORDINANCE NO. 87-3080 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 08-3667 – Establishing a Stormwater Advisory Board: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 08-3667, 'AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE KELSO STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON SUCH COMMITTEE, AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF SUCH COMMITTEE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 08-965 – Adopting the Solid Waste Management Plan: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Adopt Resolution No. 08-965, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING THE 2007 COWLITZ COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.' Public Works Director Sypher said the City of Kelso entered into the planning process with Cowlitz County by adopting a resolution in 2002. Council discussion followed. Councilmembers voting yes were Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Wheeler, Roberson, and Fletcher. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Authorization for City Manager to Sign PO for New Police Vehicles (2008 Crown Victoria and 2008 Ford Expedition): Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the purchase of a new police vehicle and authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase order.' Mayor Futchter said the total costs for both vehicles are within the budgeted amount of \$75,000. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorization for City Manager to Sign Agreement with Humane Society: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Humane Society in the amount of \$68,332.00.' This amount does not include the additional amount of \$6,000 agreed upon by Council to assist in funding the operation of the Spay and Neuter Clinic. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to ask the Humane Society to provide more reports. City Manager Brachvogel will talk with the director of the Humane Society and report back to the Council at a later date. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorization for City Manager to Sign Maintenance Contract with Qwest Communications: Mayor Futchter said Qwest offered a one-year extension at \$13,947.78 and a three-year renewal at \$37,659.00. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve a three-year contract with Qwest Communications and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Approve Acceptance of a \$50,000 Grant from the Department of Ecology: Public Works Director Sypher said in addition to this grant, the City was awarded a \$75,000 grant in 2006. The Department of Ecology has agreed to provide funds to the City to carry out requirements of the City's NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve acceptance of a grant from the Department of Ecology in the amount of \$50,000.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Execute the Contract with Skillings Connolly: Public Works Director Sypher said with the acceptance of the \$50,000 grant, Public Works wants to dedicate the grant funds to the Skillings Connolly contract and to accelerate the timetable so the contract can be executed in approximately twelve months. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Amend the contract with Skillings Connolly.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Wheeler, Roberson, and Futchter voted yes. Councilmember Slater voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Marketing, Public Education, and Outreach Related to the NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the

Interlocal Agreement for marketing, public education, and outreach related to the NPDES Permit.' Mayor Futcher stated the NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit requires public education and outreach. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Approve Purchase of Permit Tracking Software: Community Development Director Michael Kerins gave a brief explanation of two software systems. His recommendation was to purchase the software from Interlocking Software because there is room for expansion. The software, which would cost approximately \$46,000, would allow managing the planning review process and permit tracking process. The original amount budgeted for this software was \$38,000. City Manager Brachvogel reminded Councilmembers, due to an audit finding last year, the auditors strongly suggested replacing our old software. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the purchase of the Interlocking Software.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Approval of Skatepark Funding: Community Development Director Kerins reminded Councilmembers in order to be eligible for the \$150,000 RFO Grant, the City is required to provide the State with a certification of sponsor match no later than February 27. The estimated cost of the skatepark has increased from \$25 a square foot to \$35 a square foot for a 10,000 square-foot park. The City would need to guarantee \$163,000 to meet the match requirement. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve the skatepark funding in the amount of \$163,000.' Council discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, Slater, Karnofski, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers Wheeler and Myers voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Drive, spoke from the audience concerning the advisory group of citizens that is being formed to come up with some ideas to handle the Aldercrest and DNR property. City Manager Brachvogel said over twenty applications have been received and he wants to accommodate as many people as possible. The discussion of the advisory group will be on the March 4th Council agenda.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Paul Brachvogel: 1) City Engineer Sharon Zimmerman resigned effective Friday, February 15th. Sharon has accepted a position with DOT. 2) Paul gave a brief outline of the topics to be discussed Saturday, March 1st, at the workshop for Councilmembers and Department Heads. 3) I want to thank Paul Youmans of Pathways 20-20 for giving me the opportunity to attend the Smart Growth Conference in Washington, D.C. 4) Due to the length of tonight's meeting, Chief Nelson will give his annual report at an upcoming

meeting. 5) Kelso is sitting on a tremendous amount of growth and some good ideas will be introduced at the Saturday workshop.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) We are in the midst of many changes. Sharon Zimmerman will be missed. The Operations Department is also experiencing changes. Congratulations to Mark Wetle who is our new Street Lead. 2) Our website gives some valuable information to allow Councilmembers and the public to stay informed.

Michael Kerins: 1) I want to thank Council for their support of the software purchase and the skatepark. 2) The advisory committee for the DNR property will provide a good opportunity to get a lot of information and come up with the best use of the property.

Geraldine de Rooy: 1) I hope you are enjoying reading the book, *Three Cups of Tea*, and I want to extend an invitation to citizens to attend the book discussion at the Library on Monday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. The author will be in town March 3rd. 2) We are accepting applications for the vacant position on the Library Board.

Wayne Nelson: No report

Brian Butterfield: No report

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) Spoke about going into a recession and read an article from the Investors Business Daily. 2) Talked about losing Reynolds Aluminum and referred to an article in National Geographic about Alcoa's new aluminum plant in Iceland. 3) Spoke about the possibility of using recycled money from the HUD 1 program for the skatepark.

John Karnofski: No report

Dan Myers: When I called the Humane Society, I received poor response.

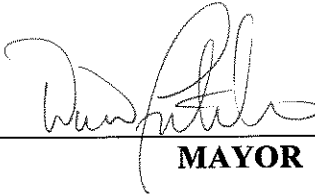
Rick Roberson: 1) Senator Cantwell led an interesting discussion about tax credits at a luncheon I attended yesterday. 2) My first South Kelso meeting will be Thursday, February 28th, at 6:30 p.m. here in the Council Chambers.

Todd McDaniel: 1) Baseball signups are this Saturday, February 23rd. 2) Steve Taylor, who recently opened Saviano's Pizzeria in Kelso, would appreciate your business. 3) Dave Smith is retiring from the Sheriff's Office after thirty-five years of service. He has been an asset to the community.

Joe Wheeler: 1) Asked about the River Road project. City Manager Brachvogel said they are making their payments. 2) Asked for an update of the Phoenix Inn. Community Development Director Kerins stated their building plans went back to their engineers. As soon as the plans are received they will be reviewed.

David Futcher: 1) Council pictures will be taken at our next meeting. 2) Governor Gregoire was in town and she spoke with employees during her tour at Columbia Analytical.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.



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