

Pastor Dave Grauer, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Chester, Wheeler, Futch, Karnofski, and Student Representative Jared Cadwell. Councilmembers Slater and McDaniel were absent the entire meeting.

**Minutes:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Futch and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/6/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:**

**Richard Peters**, 720 Abernathy Creek Rd., Longview, spoke from the audience representing the Landowners and Citizens for a Safe Community. They would like the Kelso City Council to consider adopting a resolution against the LNG (liquefied natural gas) plant. City Attorney Brachvogel stated he would work with Mr. Peters to put a resolution together.

**Jeremy Hooper**, 408 Oak Street, spoke from the audience about the success of the skate park fundraiser that was held March 16th at the Kelso Theatre Pub. Jeremy said the kids had a lot of fun. They received \$580 in donations and Jeremy put in some money to bring the total to \$800. Two more fundraisers are planned and he will continue working until the skate park is built. Due to Jeremy's concerns about the proper handling of funds, it was suggested Jeremy could get some advice from City Attorney Brachvogel. Councilmember Futch donated \$200 to bring the total to \$1,000.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Boy Scouts:**

**Tammi Perry, District Executive President of the Great Chinook District**, 1407 Commerce, Longview, spoke about the Boy Scout program which is available to kids of all ages providing character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

**Jesse Ramirez, Membership Chairperson**, spoke about the scouting program and the benefits it can bring to boys and their families especially when the parents volunteer in the program.

Due to the necessity to have fundraisers to keep scouting in the community, all are invited to attend the First Annual Friends of Scouting Fundraiser Banquet at 6:30 p.m. at the Monticello Hotel Ballroom on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple if tickets are purchased before April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Crime Victim Advocacy Program:**

**Linda Asher**, 604 N. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Kelso, spoke about the Crime Victim Advocacy Program which covers Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Clark Counties. The program is a joint collaboration between the Emergency Support Shelter and the Ethnic Support Council providing a 24-hour crisis center, information and referrals, and in-person advocacy. On April 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a National Crime Victims' Celebration at the Cowlitz PUD meeting room between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

**Jared Cadwell:** 1) We have been busy with fundraisers. We had a "Highlander Idol" which is a spin-off of the American Idol. The Renaissance Club will sponsor an open mike night allowing students to present or perform original poems, writings, songs, artwork, etc. 2) Spring sports started a couple of weeks ago. 3) Prom is coming up in a month. 4) Councilmember Futchter congratulated Jared for his win at the State Wrestling Tournament. 5) Councilmember Wheeler asked if students had heard about the "Battle of the Bands" fundraiser for the skate park. Jared stated there were signs at school and he was thinking about entering the contest.

**MOTION ITEM:**

**Consideration of Interlocal Agreement for Management of Municipal Solid Waste:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futchter, 'Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County for Management of Municipal Solid Waste.' City Manager Robinson stated there are no changes in this agreement that was presented at the Council workshop in February. Commissioner George Raiter made some comments about the agreement and handed out a copy of a memo written by Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Ron Marshall concerning a legal opinion on several solid waste issues. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Annual Report - Kelso Police Department:** Chief Wayne Nelson presented the 2006 Annual Report. Wayne reported the crime rate in Kelso is down largely due to the opening of the new jail in August of 2006 which held people accountable for their actions. Also, for the first time in approximately four years, the Police Department spent half of the year at full staff because the new officers had completed their training and were now working.

**APPOINTMENT:**

With Council's consensus, Mayor Gregory appointed **Larry Anderson** to the **Civil Service Board** to replace Glenys Hill who has resigned because she resides outside the city.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,655,436.07

**Liquor License Renewals:** 1) American Legion, 301 Allen; 2) Azteca-Kelso, 420 Three Rivers Dr.; 3) Kelso Bridge Market, Allen at Pacific Avenue; 4) Ol Tima', 211 W. Main; 5) Maltese Bar and Grill, 100 Pine; 6) B.P.O. Elks Kelso Lodge 1482, 900 Ash

Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,655,436.07,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**New Liquor License:** Casa De Las Estrellas, 404 W. Main - **Removed from the agenda due to lack of information.**

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Amending Plan Review Fees:** The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO DELETING A PORTION OF SECTION 106.3.1 OF THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 3572 AND CODIFIED AS KMC 15.03.010,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Authorization to Retain Planning Services:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Norman Golub for planning services for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Approval of Teamsters Union Contract:** Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve Teamsters Union Contract,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Doug Robinson:** 1) I would like to set a Saturday workshop with staff and the Council around the end of May or first of June to make sure we are working together towards our goals and objectives. Hopefully we will have a new planner on board by that time.  
2) We signed the papers today to close the sale of the 305 South Pacific property and we should receive a check soon.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Paul Brachvogel:** No Report

**David Sypher:** 1) You have received an educational packet on Cross Connections for the City of Kelso from Backflow Management, Inc., which pertains to an ordinance that will be brought to the next Council meeting. 2) I want to update you on the proposed overlay program for this year. The crew has worked hard patching, making water line improvements, and putting in five new hydrants. 3) I would like to set a waste water workshop for April 24 at 6:00 p.m.

**Geraldine de Rooy:** I will be bringing the Library's Annual Report to the next Council meeting.

**Wayne Nelson:** No Report

**Veryl Anderson:** No Report

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Joe Wheeler:** Amy Fischer had a positive article in the Daily News about the hard work the crew is putting in to take care of the problems we have had with the streets.

**John Karnofski:** On April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. I will be holding a West Kelso Town Hall Meeting at the Catlin Grade School.

**David Futcher:** No Report

**Mark Chester:** 1) The seepage pit at the foot of the bridge has been cleaned up and the area looks nice. 2) I noticed there are markings on the streets. It looks like work will begin soon. 3) Mark asked Public Works Director David Sypher for an update on the crosswalks on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. David said Roger Harper has this on his list but will wait for good weather.

**Don Gregory:** I will be having a South Kelso Town Hall Meeting on May 10 at Wallace Elementary School.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. At 8:53 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK