

Pastor Chris Davis, Abundant Life Nazarene 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, Slater, Wheeler, Roberson, Karnofski, Myers, and McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the 2/19/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 08-966 – Establish the Aldercrest, DNR Trust Land Advisory Committee: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Resolution No. 08-966, 'A RESOLUTION CREATING THE KELSO ALDERCREST, DNR TRUST LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ESTABLISHING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF SUCH COMMITTEE, AND PRESCRIBING THE DUTIES OF SUCH COMMITTEE.' City Manager Paul Brachvogel said the appointments for the committee will be made at the March 18 Council Meeting. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Airport Board Hangar Rate Increase: Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Send the consideration of the hangar rate increase back to the Airport Board.' Discussion followed.

The following people spoke from the audience concerning the potential hangar rate increase:

Gerald Sorrell

Gary Jones

Paul Bax

Don Lemmons

Motion carried. Councilmembers Roberson, Wheeler, McDaniel, Myers, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski and Slater voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

PUBLIC HEARING – Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Zoning

Designation: Mayor Futcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Community Development Director Mike Kerins spoke about the motion before Council which is the assignment of land use designation and zoning for the proposed annexation of 6.39 acres. The property is located in the 1500 block of Grade Street, on the south side, along the east bank of the Coweeman River and west of Interstate 5. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Futcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION ITEM:

Resolution No. 08-967 – Adopting the Notice of Intent to Annex to the Cowlitz County Boundary Review Board: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Adopt Resolution No. 08-967, ‘A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF KELSO’S INTENT TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” ATTACHED HERETO, PROVIDING FOR THE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND ZONING OF SAID PROPERTY AS MORE PARTICULARLY SET FORTH HEREIN AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE BOUNDARY REVIEW BOARD FOR COWLITZ COUNTY FOR BOUNDARY CHANGE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 36.93 OF THE REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON,’ motion carried, all voting.

CITIZEN’S BUSINESS:

Leon Wheeldon, 805 Chestnut, representing the Kelso VFW Post 3017, introduced several VFW members and spoke about some of the things they do to help the community.

Larry Hembree, 1511 Tara, spoke on behalf of the Kelso Recreation Council concerning fireworks stands.

PRESENTATION:

Downtown Revitalization: Greg Waddell from BHC Consultants gave a power point presentation. Mr. Waddell spoke about ways to promote a downtown neighborhood that is a vibrant hub for business, entertainment, government, arts, and educational activity. Discussion followed.

Mike Julian, Owner of Kelso Theatre Pub and Backstage Café, said some exciting changes are ahead for Kelso. He asked citizens to check out the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association’s website, which is www.kelsodowntown.org. Several other members of the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association were present.

PUBLIC HEARING – Revision of the City of Kelso Park and Recreation Plan: Mayor Fatcher opened the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m. Public Works Director Mike Kerins presented the proposed Park and Recreation Plan. Mayor Fatcher invited citizens to make comments. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Fatcher closed the Public Hearing at 8:19 p.m.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 08-968 – Adoption of the Revised City of Kelso Park and Recreation

Plan: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Resolution No. 08-968, 'A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISION TO THE CITY OF KELSO PARK AND RECREATION PLAN.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Special Services Contract Between CWCOCG and the City of Kelso for Professional Services for the Airport Master Plan:

Councilmember McDaniel moved, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the contract with COG.' City Manager Brachvogel said there is a conflict between some wording in the section of the contract concerning termination. If approved, the contract will be revised showing that the contract can be terminated with thirty days notice. Councilmember McDaniel amended his motion and Councilmember Myers amended his second to include the changes in the contract. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorization for City Manager to Sign Purchase Order for Backhoe: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign a purchase order for a backhoe.' Public Works Director David Sypher said the purchase is being coordinated with the City of Longview's contract with Western Power and Equipment. The cost including sales tax is \$88,328.00, which falls well below the budgeted amount of \$125,000.00. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Authorization for City Manager to Sign Purchase Order for a Used Catch Basin Cleaner/Street Sweeper from Clyde West in the Amount of \$45,126.30, including sales tax: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the purchase order.' Mayor Fatcher said the budgeted amount was \$55,000.00. Motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discuss Potential Sale of City Property to Watkins Tractor: City Manager Brachvogel spoke about the potential sale of a 9,000 square-foot strip of land to Watkins Tractor at \$10 a square foot. Discussion followed.

Realtor Butch Henry said the location of the property is good and \$10 a square foot is a fair price.

Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council to have Paul talk further with Bill at Watkins Tractor and report to Council at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss a potential property acquisition. At 8:55 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) In an effort to respond to a citizen's concern about the feral cat issue, an ordinance will be brought to the next Council meeting. 2) Nick Buehler, of the First Assembly of God Church, along with some of the church members, plans to enter into an ongoing adopt-a-block to do some nuisance abatement. 3) The latter half of next week, I will be attending a Regional Manager's Meeting. 4) We have had some response to our hangar construction. 5) The Christmas tree at the depot will be removed soon. 6) At Councilmember Roberson's South Kelso meeting, a citizen discussed having a quiet zone, where the trains are not allowed to blow their whistles. 7) The BNSF crossing grant, which was discussed at the off-site meeting, is currently being reviewed and a report should be received soon.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) As Paul mentioned, Tim Mackin is working very hard to get the Christmas tree down. We rely on volunteers to get it down and it takes a man lift and a crane. 2) Susan Eugenis will be working about twenty hours a week working on the Tam O'Shanter parking lot and the hangar program. 3) We are thankful for COG's offer on the master plan and the corridor study that you will see at the next Council meeting. 4) The City Engineer position is being advertised and some good responses have been received. 5) We are doing lots of right-of-way permit inspections. 6) We are close on our 2008 overlay bid. 7) Our NPDES Phase II is moving forward. 8) J. L. Storedahl is just about finished with their work on the right-of-way. 9) The crews are working hard getting a lot of maintenance completed.

Councilmember Slater brought up the need to remove blackberry briars and to repair the handrails and steps going down to the old Schroeder Field from the old Kelso High School. Also, some areas on Minor Road need to be repaired. A sunken spot near Lee's Transmission is still presenting a problem. David will check on these concerns.

Councilmember Wheeler said he would like the overlay project to cover more areas around the city. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Transfer \$100,000 from reserves to the overlay project to repair residential streets.' After further discussion, Councilmember Wheeler withdrew his motion to transfer the funds at this time and Councilmember Roberson withdrew the second.

Mike Kerins: 1) We have improved our customer service with a computer that provides more information to handle customer inquiries. 2) We are in process of getting contracts

signed for the code revision work and the permit software. 3) Progress is being made on the draft permit review ordinance which will go before the Planning Commission.

Geraldine de Rooy: The Kelso Public Library's 2007 annual report was handed out.

Verne Thompson: 1) The Citizens' Academy starts tomorrow night. There are thirty-eight people signed up for the 10-week course. 2) Ernie Moore, who has thirty-four years with KPD, will be retiring the end of June.

Brian Butterfield: No report

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: No report

John Karnofski: No report

Dan Myers: No report

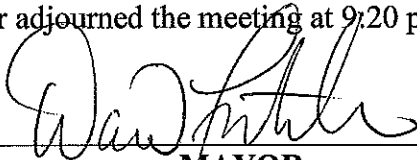
Rick Roberson: 1) I want to thank each one of you who came to my South Kelso meeting. Although only one citizen attended, he brought up a good point about having a quiet zone where trains cannot blow their whistles. 2) The goal-setting meeting Saturday was great. I appreciate the staff and all the work that was done to make it a success.

Todd McDaniel: No report

Joe Wheeler: 1) Asked Paul to email the applications that are received for the Aldercrest Advisory Committee. 2) The Saturday retreat was refreshing and it was nice having it at the museum.

David Futcher: No report

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.



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