

Pastor Jerry Dahlke, North Gate City 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, Slater, Chester, Futcher, Karnofski, and Student Representative Daryl Moore. Councilmembers McDaniel and Wheeler were absent the entire meeting.

Minutes: Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Approve the minutes of the 3/20/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Approval of Resolution Opposing LNG Project: *Postponed until the May 1st Council meeting to allow NorthernStar Natural Gas representative to present their views.*

PRESENTATION:

Kelso/Longview Elks: **Betty Lindsley** spoke about many of the activities and charities the Elks support. **John Miller** talked about volunteering for the Elks, the work they do, and the satisfaction it brings.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Daryl Moore: 1) We are enjoying spring break this week. 2) Students are preparing for the Math WASL tests. 3) We are having a program called Healthiest Highlander II to promote good health around the school. 4) Spring sports are gearing up.

PRESENTATION:

211 Information: **Bob Johnson** from the local United Way introduced **Geri Shumack**, the Executive Director of the 211 Program. Geri spoke about the program which is a 24-hour call center that helps individuals take care of the basics of life such as health and legal services, rent, food, and many other services that are available.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 16 through April 21, 2007, as **City Cleanup Week** in the City of Kelso and declared April 21, 2007, as "**EARTH DAY**". The Cowlitz County landfill will offer free dumping days on April 21 and 22.

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of April 15 through April 21, 2007, as **National Library Week**. Library Director Geraldine de Rooy accepted the

proclamation and gave an invitation to citizens to attend a sing-a-long with ukulele players held at the Kelso Library on April 17.

PRESENTATIONS:

Annual Library Report: Library Director Geraldine de Rooy gave a power point presentation of the 2006 Annual Report.

Library Options Report: Geraldine spoke about the Library Community Advisory Committee's vision for a new library. She introduced Library Board Member Jack Koelker and a past board member, Frank Wilson and his wife, who were in the audience. The committee would like to have a commitment from the Council to dedicate the proceeds from the sale of the old Safeway building to be used for a future library. City Manager Robinson stated the profit from the sale of the building is around \$60,000.

The following people spoke from the audience in favor of a new regional/county library:

Jerry Aldrich, 119 N. Maple Street

Heidi Shaw, 212 Adams Dr.

Frank Wilson, 800 S. 7th

Glen Hartwell, 507 LaRue NE, Castle Rock

Melanee Evans, 207 Waxwing Court

Michael Evans, 207 Waxwing Court

G. Skeie, 143 Tilla Dr.

CONSENT AGENDA:

New Liquor License Application: El Tucan, 409 S. Pacific. *Stricken from the agenda because more information is needed.*

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 07-3641 - Amending Plan Review Fees: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3641, '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.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Repealing Ordinance No. 94-3248 and Adding a New Section Entitled Cross Connections: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF KELSO REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 94-3248 IN ITS ENTIRETY, CODIFIED AS KMC 13.04.060, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED CROSS CONNECTIONS, TO BE CODIFIED AS KMC 13.04.060,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 3055 Regarding Application and Connection for Water Service: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3055, CODIFIED AS KMC 13.04.050, REGARDING APPLICATION AND CONNECTION FOR WATER SERVICE,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Approval of Tourism Agreements with County Historical Museum and Performing Arts Theatre: Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements with the Cowlitz County Museum in the amount of \$10,000 and the Columbia Theatre for the Performing Arts in the amount of \$5,000,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Grant Agreement for Skate Park: *Stricken from the agenda until two additional proposals are received.*

Authorize Purchase of One Used 2000 Ford F650 Truck for Budget Year 2007: Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Authorize City Manager's signature on the purchase order for one used 2000 Ford F650 Truck purchased from Fouch Equipment for Budget Year 2007,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Regarding the Zero Lot Line Overlay Zone and Amending the Zoning Map: Upon Motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 3577, CODIFIED AS KMC 17.21.010, REGARDING THE ZERO LOT LINE OVERLAY (RSF-Z) ZONE AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGE.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: 1) In about two weeks KLTV will replace the cameras in the Council Room which will improve the quality of their pictures. 2) The Rotary Club has a project to put in additional outlets at Tam O'Shanter Park which are needed during the Highlander Festival. Their work will begin as soon as a new transformer is installed.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) The NPDES workshop will be, Tuesday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m.
2) Citizens can go on the City of Kelso's website to see what streets will be redone this year and look at the long-range plan.

Paul Brachvogel: No Report

Geraldine de Rooy: No Report

Wayne Nelson: No Report

Veryl Anderson: 1) Last year at the Highlander Festival we started a competitive run. Several people promised to help put this year's run together since we didn't really know how to do it. We have had four meetings and they are really excited. Laura Moore, a Kelso graduate, has taken the lead and she is doing a great job. Dick Hannah Toyota will be one of our sponsors. 2) Looking ahead, the Kelso Tree Lighting will be Friday, November 30. Last year the Santa Express was a huge success and we had to turn away people. Foster Farms has donated money to sponsor two buses this year to go to the Hilton in Vancouver. We have reserved 100 seats on AMTRAK for the ride back to Kelso with Santa.

City Manager Robinson would like to set a date for the Council Retreat. It was the consensus of the Council to set the Council Retreat for Saturday, June 2.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: No Report

David Futcher: An anonymous donor has promised the Kelso Rotary skate park project up to \$10,000 if the community will match it and if the City of Kelso matches the total combined donations of \$20,000. The Kelso Rotary has donated \$45,000. Skate park contributions can be made through the Kelso Rotary.

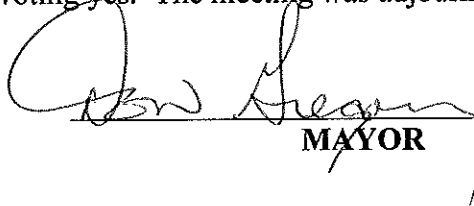
Upon Motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Earmark \$20,000 for the skate park project,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Mark Chester: Last Thursday Councilmember Wheeler and I attended the COG annual banquet. It was a great event with good food catered by a volunteer group in Kalama called AMALAK and music provided by Kalama students. It was good to talk to people from other cities who share some of the same concerns as we have.

John Karnofski: I will be holding a West District Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 23, at 7:00 p.m. at Catlin School. All are encouraged to attend.

Don Gregory: 1) After approximately thirty-one years, Kelso Housing Authority Executive Director Karen Monroe retired effective April 1. She has done a great job such as getting the funding lined up for the elevator renovation at the Columbia Hotel. 2) They have started tearing up sidewalks and putting in handicapped curbs in the South Kelso housing development around South 8th, 9th, and 10th. 3) The Kelso Parent Committee has sent a letter asking for donations for the June 8th alcohol and drug free Graduation Party for around 400 students. 4) National Crime Victims' Rights Week begins April 25. There will be a meeting in the PUD meeting room at 4:00 to discuss the celebration. 5) Councilmember Slater asked if there was an interlocal agreement with the Kelso School District to use the Stan Rister Stadium. City Manager Robinson said there is an agreement in place. 6) Mayor Gregory asked for an update on the parking lot. Public Works Director David Sypher said the cleanup will have to wait until around August because the ball clubs don't want them working on it now. Approximately \$160,000 will be available for the parking lot, because we were not able to get a grant. 7) Councilmember Slater asked if the Marty Hill Field sign was up. David Sypher said the plan was to put up the sign at the same time they put up the scoreboard. He will check on it.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK