

Pastor Marv Kasemire, New Song Worship, 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, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futch, Karnofski, and Student Representative Jim McDaniel. Councilmember Chester was absent the entire meeting.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/7/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – WASHINGTON FLOAT LOAN:

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Resolution No. 07-944 – Washington Float Loan Program: The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-944, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A WASHINGTON FLOAT LOAN PROGRAM GRANT IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$440,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SUCH FUNDING.' Acting City Manager Paul Brachvogel said these funds, which are issued by the State of Washington, are available to help establish local businesses. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Consideration of Prothman Proposal for City Manager Position: Mayor Gregory said the cost to Prothman, which is based on a percentage of the salary, would be approximately \$8,500 to advertise in this region and up to \$24,000 for a national search. Prothman would post the position and take applications.

The following individuals spoke from the audience:

William B. Ammons, Ammons Barber Shop, 308 S. Pacific, spoke in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel as City Manager.

Jerry Reagor, 335 Hazel, spoke in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel for City Manager.

Eleanor Leigh McKeirnan, 146 S. Vista Way, spoke about the DNR property.

Jack Smith, 704 Mill, spoke in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel. Also spoke about problems with the city streets.

Jim Krieder, 1421 Ross Avenue, spoke in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel permanently. Spend the \$8,500 to fix the streets.

Don Peterson, owner of the former Strand Hotel, spoke in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel.

It was Paul's suggestion, as well as the consensus of the Council, to set this over to the September 4th Council Meeting. Mayor Gregory invited citizens to write a letter or send an e-mail to any councilmember.

Councilmember Slater: Spoke about the DNR property and the opportunity Kelso has to use the land for the purpose of providing a better future for our youth. Kelso may be able to obtain a grant for the purpose of developing the land to provide portable classrooms. There are retired foresters, teachers, and principals who are interested in creating a citizens advisory committee. Kelso is not planning to sell or log this land.

Acting City Manager Brachvogel: Concerning the DNR Property, there are deed restrictions that limit most construction.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jim McDaniel, Kelso High School ASB Vice President: 1) Approximately 50 students attended the ASB Leadership Conference on August 8th & 9th. 2) Freshman orientation will be August 31. 3) The Kelso/R. A. Long football game will be August 31 at 7:00 p.m. 4) Fall sports have started.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring the week of September 17-23, 2007, as 'Constitution Week' in the City of Kelso. The regent of the Mary Richardson Walker Chapter National Society of the **Daughters of the American Revolution** accepted the Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

New Liquor License Application: Savianos Pizzeria, 238 Kelso Drive, *Stricken from the agenda.*

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Freeway Shell Food Mart, 115 Kelso Drive; 2) Kelso Flying K, 103 W. Main; 3) Kelso Theatre Pub, 214 S. Pacific; 4) Sunrise Bagels, 503 Allen

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,361,206.00

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,361,206.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – Wasser & Winters – Shoreline Conditional Use & Substantial Development Permit:

COG Planner Don Mathison spoke about the Collins Estate (Anchor Point) application.

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the application as per the findings of the staff report and the Planning Commission hearing August 14.' Lengthy discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Bowling Tournaments to be Held in Kelso: Lowell Lovegren, 76 Veys Drive. Lowell was hired as the Association Manager in charge of finances, managing bowling tournaments, and hiring tournament directors when three state organizations of men, women, and youth bowlers merged. On April 5 to May 25, Kelso/Longview will host the 75th Annual Open State Bowling Tournament. There will be approximately 550 teams, 450 trios, 1,375 doubles events, and 2,750 single events at Hilander Bowl and Triangle Bowl. Large events will also be held in 2008 and 2009, bringing lots of people to Kelso/Longview. Red Lion will host rooms at some good rates.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Consideration of Associate Planner Position: Community Development Director Michael Kerins spoke about the benefits of hiring an associate planner and presented an overview of the position. Acting City Manager Brachvogel stated this position was previously discussed, but not budgeted. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Begin advertising for the Associate Planner Position,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Marketing "Boot Camp" September 13, 2007: Acting City Manager Brachvogel spoke about the upcoming Marketing Boot Camp that will be co-sponsored by the City of Kelso, Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce, City of Longview, and Cowlitz County. The various workshops will teach cities effective marketing in our community to promote the area.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 07-3651 – Granting a Right-of-Way Easement to Cowlitz County PUD: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3651, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO GRANTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT FOR POWER UNDERGROUND TO PUD NO. 1 OF COWLITZ

COUNTY, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3652 – Granting a Public Utility Easement to J. L. Storedahl and Sons: The City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3652, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO GRANTING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT TO J. L. STOREDAHL & SONS AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Approve the Cowlitz County Offender Services Interlocal Agreement for Approximately \$25,000.00: Public Works Director David Sypher said for approximately \$45 an hour, we get an entire crew to take care of some landscape and cleanup projects around the City. Councilmember Slater stated other areas such as the train station and areas around the bridge need to be cleaned. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Cowlitz County Offender Services Interlocal Agreement,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Format Change for North Kelso Sewer and North Pacific Reconstruction Change Orders: Public Works Director Sypher explained this is a housekeeping improvement to provide clarity. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Authorize the format change for North Kelso Sewer and North Pacific Reconstruction Change Orders,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Amendment #3 to Special Services Contract with COG at an Additional Cost of \$30,000.00: Acting City Manager Brachvogel said this amendment will extend the current contract through the end of the year. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Authorize approval of Amendment #3 to the Special Services Contract with COG at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Cowlitz County – Local Cost Share Agreement for US Army Corps of Engineers: Acting City Manager Brachvogel stated this proposal is a backup for flood control in case the State runs out of money. The City of Kelso's portion would be \$2,580. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Go forward with the drafting of an agreement to be brought to a Council meeting as soon as Cowlitz County receives concurrence from each agency,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Award of Contract for Catlin Sanitary Sewer Project to KR Plumbing in the amount of \$15,257.10: Public Works Director Sypher gave an overview of the project. Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Award contract for Catlin Sanitary Sewer Project to KR Plumbing in the amount of \$15,257.10,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Approval of Fleet Maintenance Services Agreement: *Stricken from the agenda.*

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ACTING CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) As previously discussed, the Marketing Boot Camp will be at LCC beginning at 8:00 a.m. on September 13. In connection with this training, there will be a photo shoot on October 11 to produce a small film about the City of Kelso, which will be posted on our Website. 2) We will need to have an executive session to discuss a land purchase with our realtor, Butch Henry. 3) We have some budget announcements coming. 4) We would like to use Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris in other capacities and we are looking at how we can use the solid waste funds for something that is authorized. 5) I am looking at the possibility of the City having wireless internet.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) The crew has been working hard. 2) As a result of the recent bridge inspection, we need to redo 50' approaches on both ends of the Talley Way Bridge, or we will be required to post weight limits. This will cost approximately \$10,000. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, **'Authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement to repair the 50' approaches on both ends of the Talley Way Bridge for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.'** Discussion followed. **Motion carried, all voting yes.** 3) Mayor Gregory suggested it would be good if there was some way to deflect debris from collecting around the pier under the new Allen Street Bridge.

Michael Kerins: Concerning the dredging, the idea is that once they dredge to where they plan on stopping, the natural process will start carrying that sediment out the rest of the way.

Geraldine de Rooy: No report

Wayne Nelson: 1) Our department has been busy with people on vacation and medical leave. 2) We have always had a good relationship with Nuisance Abatement Officer Don Harris and we are working through the details to make some changes.

Veryl Anderson: 1) Accounting Supervisor Brian Butterfield has received an award for The Professional Finance Officer Award for the State of Washington. 2) The Santa Express is sold out. We have a waiting list in case of cancellations. 3) The Highlander Festival golf tournament is sold out. They also have a waiting list. 4) I received a letter from the Secretary of State congratulating the Finance Department as one of the award recipients of the 2007-2009 Washington State Archives Local Records Grant Program. In a couple of months, Secretary of State Sam Reed and State Archivist Jerry Handfield will award the \$8,414 grant at an official meeting. 5) We are busy getting ready for the Highlander Festival. The fun run/walk is really growing. There are lots of vendors and competitors signed up. I have buttons to sell.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) Suggested calling former City Attorney Pat Brock, if Paul needs any help while he is acting as City Manager and City Attorney. 2) Repairs need to be made on the building, roof, and the fence at the Train Station.

Joe Wheeler: 1) Asked David Sypher about the status of the overlay projects. David stated the repairs began today on N. 18th Avenue. The last week of August the crew will begin chip sealing on South 4th, Cedar, Wood, and Elizabeth. 2) Asked about the crosswalks at the school. David reported the work is finished. 3) The Offender Services Contract will be great. Kelso citizens will be happy to see that things are getting cleaned up around the City.

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) Tomorrow I will attend a stakeholders meeting regarding the Community Center survey. 2) Kelso Youth Football signups are underway. You can sign up Saturday, August 25, from 10:00 to 2:00 in front of Big Five and Thursday, August 30, from 5:00 to 7:00. 3) I will be in the Hood to Coast run Friday and Saturday. 4) The Babe Ruth 15-year olds won today! They will be in the semi-finals starting Thursday.

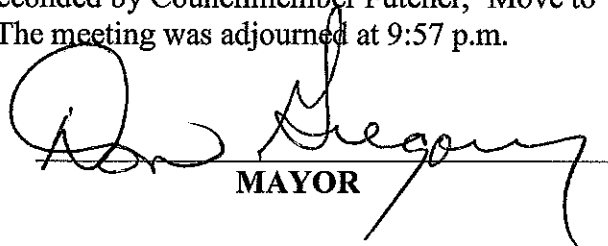
David Futcher: No report

Don Gregory: 1) Concrete was poured at the corner of 4th & Elm and the handicapped approach looks nice. With Wallace School starting, I hope it is finished soon so a child doesn't trip. 2) I received an e-mail from a homeowner thanking the crew for repairing the sewer line break on Harris Street. 3) The road crew is doing a great job.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss real estate and potential litigation. At 9:56 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.


MAYOR


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