

Pastor Mike Speegle, Kelso-Longview 7th Day Adventist 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, Karnofski, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Malella.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the minutes of the 2/3/09 Regular Meeting and the 2/11/09 Special Workshop,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th, commended the Council and the City for having President Obama's picture hanging in the Council Chambers. When I attended a recent County Commissioners' Meeting, I noticed they didn't have our new president's picture up yet.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kelso Police Department 2008 Annual Report: Chief of Police Wayne Nelson presented a power point presentation, looking back at the past seven years (2002-2008) while he has been the police chief. Kelso's crime rate fell to a seven-year low last year largely due to excellent personnel, partnering with other agencies, increased jail space, and community support. Chief Nelson, whose last day with the City will be March 31st, said he is leaving the department in good hands. Discussion followed. Mayor Futcher thanked Wayne for all he has done to make the department what it is today.

CONSENT AGENDA:

<u>Auditing of Accounts:</u> January, 2009	\$526,868.25
February, 2009	\$1,428,563.49

Project Close Out: RC Northwest for Slide Debris Removal at Burcham Street & N. 4th Ave.

Jail Contract Consideration: Agreement between City of Kelso and Cowlitz County to provide for Jail & Offender Services.

Sewer Main Line Lateral Cleaner Purchase: Vactor Mfg. in the amount of \$333,923.00

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts for \$526,868.25 and \$1,428,563.49,' motion carried, all voting yes.

APPOINTMENTS:

With the consensus of the Council, Mayor Futcher made the following appointments:

Reappointment:

Leah Iverson to the Highlander Festival Commission, Term ends 12/31/2012

Appointments:

Kelly Sims to the Library Board, Term ends 12/31/2013

Patricia Van Rollins to the Planning Commission, Term ends 11/01/2010

Gary Schimmel, to the Planning Commission, (Replace/Finish Tim Sparks) Term Begins 4/01/2009 and ends 11/1/2012

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. 09-3695 – Temporary Reduction of Card Room Tax: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 09-3695, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING FOR SIX MONTHS THE TAX RATE SET FORTH IN KMC 5.32.045, REDUCING THE RATE OF TAX IMPOSED ON CARD ROOMS FROM 10% TO 6% FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, AND ESTABLISHING A SUNSET DATE.’

Discussion followed concerning the taxes that are currently past due. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) Today we hosted three representatives from Congressman Baird’s office. Also present were representatives from the ports and neighboring cities to discuss stimulus package information. 2) As a result of our recent neighborhood task force meetings, Rick Winsman from the Chamber of Commerce will be holding workshops here in the Council Chambers on February 23, March 9, and March 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 3) I appreciate the quiet weather – no snow and no rain!

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) I have a walk-on motion item for the Burcham slide problem. A storm line is totally undermined and there will be major problems if we get a big storm. Four quotes were sought, but only two were received. The low bidder is Northwest Metal Fab and Pipe, Inc., out of Wilsonville, Oregon. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Enter into a contract with Northwest Metal Fab and Pipe, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$23,520.00.’**

Discussion followed. **Motion carried, all voting yes.** 2) The West Main project is proceeding and we should get the RFQ’s this week to begin our selection process for our

consultant. 3) Information about the reservoir will be presented soon. 4) Bids will be going out for the Skate Park and bridge painting contracts. 5) We have started working on overlay projects. Councilmember Malella asked for more information about the sewer main line lateral cleaner. David and City Manager Richards said it is an amazing piece of equipment and suggested Councilmembers come see how it works.

Michael Kerins: An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment concerning subdivision and zoning ordinances. They will go before the Planning Commission on March 10th. The subdivision, zoning, and permit review ordinances will come before Council around the beginning of April. The next step will be the Comprehensive Plan.

Wayne Nelson: 1) The jail contract between the City of Kelso and Cowlitz County to provide jail and offender services that was approved tonight was the result of a long process. Combining the contracts saved us some money. The County worked hard, at our request, to put together a monthly billing system. 2) I won't be at the next Council meeting, but Andy Hamilton will represent the Police Department. I'll be back for the March 17th meeting.

Brian Butterfield: 1) If you have questions about the Revenues and Expenditure Reports that were handed out, give me a call. 2) I will be out of the office next week, as I will be skiing in Utah.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: No report

Gerald Malella: No report

Alan Slater: Spoke about the area around 13th Avenue. There is a slough on the left going south and a swamp on the right. There needs to be a way to get rid of the water in that area.

John Karnofski: No report

Todd McDaniel: 1) I'm going to give my son's high school report since he is giving a talk at the 8th grade orientation tonight. District boy's basketball is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. against Battleground. Kelso sent four wrestlers to State this year. The high school play, *Scaramouche*, will be on February 25th through the 28th at the Kelso Auditorium. 2) The Cowlitz County Deputy Association's comedy night fundraiser in memory of Mike Riley will be March 14th at the Kelso Theater Pub. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

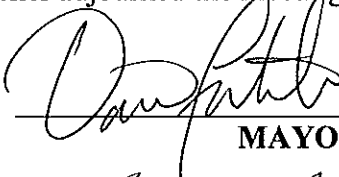
Dan Myers: We were given a tremendous amount of statistics at the Council Workshop when we discussed the 5-year home plan. There are a lot of people in need in our community. I think some of the information is out of date.

David Futcher: 1) I attended a meeting with the FEMA representatives. They want to get the word out to citizens and businesses affected by the flood to register for some help at www.disasterassistance.gov. 2) I attended a KLTV Board Meeting last night. They are considering some amendments to their by-laws concerning the make-up of their board of directors. They are trying to include three positions from their largest funding sources which would include, Kelso, Longview, and Cowlitz County. If they make this change, we will want to have someone represent Kelso on the board.

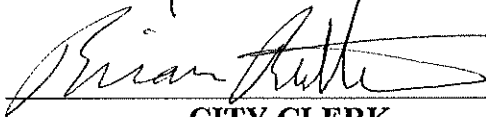
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss a potential purchase of property. At 8:52 p.m. the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK



CITY OF KELSO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

As of This Date February 17, 2009

The City Audit Committee Does

Approve for Payment those Claims included in the above listing, and futher

described below, in the TOTAL AMOUNT of \$ 1,428,563.49

Voucher warrant Numbers: 151189 through 151371

In the Amount of \$ 757,011.16

Prepaid Warrant Numbers: 150561-150565 through 151184-151187

In the Amount of \$ 6,387.81

Voided Warrant Numbers: 151154, 151159 through 151183, 151372

Payroll Deduction/Benefit
Claims Warrant Numbers 151160 through 151182

In the Amount of \$ 359,487.98

Payroll Warrant Numbers: 9390
518423 through 9499
518463

In the Amount of \$ 305,676.54

Voided Warrant Numbers: _____ through _____

SIGNED: [Signature]
Audit Committee

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Authorized for Payment per Council Action: _____ 2009

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