

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, McDaniel, Wheeler, Futchter, and Karnofski.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futchter, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/2/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**APPOINTMENT:**

With Council consensus, Mayor Gregory appointed **Shane Wilcox** of Red Lion to the **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee**, replacing Cindy Hooper who has moved on with Red Lion.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

**Dennis Wise, FBO Kelso Airport**, 2215A Parrott Way, Kelso, presented a letter to the Council informing them of his decision to **withdraw his offer to fund the restroom remodel at the Kelso-Longview Fixed Based Operations Facility at the Kelso Airport**. Denny spoke about his reasons for withdrawing the offer.

**Steve Shoff**, 2612 Taylor Avenue, Longview, spoke about the good job Denny Wise has done getting many things accomplished at the airport.

**MOTION ITEM:**

**Resolution No. 07-950 – Authorizing Application for Funding for the Skateboard Park:** Public Works Director Michael Kerins said the City applied for a \$25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation and a \$150,000 grant from the State's Office of Recreation and Conservation. This resolution is the final piece required for the state grant which assures them the City of Kelso will use the money for the intended purpose and that there is a commitment for the matching money. The clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futchter, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-950, 'A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR A YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITY (YAF) PROGRAM PROJECT TO THE RECREATION AND CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD (RCFB) AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 79A.25 RCW.' Council discussion followed.

**Jeremy Hooper, owner of Plan Z**, who is working with the community to obtain funds for the skateboard park, spoke from the audience. Jeremy is planning another fundraiser.

Motion carried, all voting yes. Mayor Gregory thanked the skateboarders for coming to the meeting.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

**Charles (Chuck) Klawitter**, 1205 S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kelso, thanked the Council for their efforts in getting citizens to clean up their yards. He also spoke about cat feces which has become a problem because a neighbor living at 1209 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> has ten cats. City Manager Paul Brachvogel will look at the City's contract with the Humane Society and work on a solution. Council discussion followed.

**PRESENTATION:**

**National Literacy Week: Rachel Sparks Bradley**, Instructor at LCC, spoke about National Literacy Week and Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs which are offered at Lower Columbia College. Rachel would like citizens to be advocates by telling others about the program and, if possible, helping with funding. She introduced a former student, **Sharon Larson**, who spoke about benefiting from the ABE program at LCC. Councilmembers thanked Rachel for her enthusiasm.

**Bill Kasch**, 2619 Nichols Boulevard, Longview, spoke about former Senator Sid Snyder, a native of Kelso who has done so much for Kelso and Washington State. Mr. Kasch feels the City of Kelso needs to honor Sid Snyder for the outstanding work he has done for Kelso. Mayor Gregory said the City is in process of paying tribute to Sid with a bench in front of City Hall and a plaque that will be embedded in the concrete. The plaque will read "Senator Sid Snyder, Native Son of Kelso." Council discussion followed.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Quarterly Report – Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue:** Dave LaFave presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for 2007. We just observed Fire Prevention Week which began with a memorial procession and ended with a well-attended open house. Other topics discussed were the opening of the new bridge from Lexington to I-5 which provides faster response by the fire department to downtown and East Kelso from the Lexington Station, the upcoming Proposition 1 Fire Levy which will be on the November ballot, and partnering with the Kelso Library to improve public education. Council discussion followed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,327,339.15

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts for \$2,327,339.15,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Closeout ADA Bathroom Remodel at the Kelso Library:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Accept the closeout

of the ADA bathroom remodel at the Kelso Library with Five Rivers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$22,450.07,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Contract with Konica Minolta for New Printer/Copier for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of City Hall:**

Mayor Gregory stated Konica has a monthly lease price of \$343.28 with a service contract price of \$.562 for each color copy and \$.0091 for each black and white copy, representing a large savings. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Authorize the City Manager's signature on the contract with Konica Minolta,' motion carried, all voting yes. The savings will be around \$18,000 a year.

**Resolution No. 07-949 – Waiver of a Performance Bond:** The clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-949, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE KELSO CITY COUNCIL RATIFYING A SMALL WORKS CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF A PERFORMANCE BOND.' Mayor Gregory stated this Performance Bond was needed due to emergency repairs needed on Holly Street and South 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Tam O'Shanter Park Parking Lot A Change Order #4:** Public Works Director David Sypher spoke about the response from the public asking the City to save two large trees near the entrance of Parking Lot A. A drawing was presented showing a re-evaluation of the project layout which saved the trees and increased the number of parking spaces. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Slater, 'Approve Change Order #4 for the removal of the concrete additive bid and reducing the drainage improvement contract amount to \$168,175.30, lowering the previously approved Council General Fund Reserves transfer from \$79,461.07 to \$45,825.30,' motion carried all voting yes.

**Close Out of 2007 Overlay Project with Lakeside Industries, Inc., in the Amount of \$217,879.36:** Upon motion by Councilmember Chester, seconded by Councilmember Futch, 'Approve the close out of the 2007 overlay project with Lakeside Industries,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Paul Brachvogel:** 1) In order to expand Rister Stadium to accommodate a private college baseball team, around 600 additional seats are needed. Portable bleachers would cost approximately \$180,000. The McCaw family is not interested in using their funds for this project. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council that there is not money in the budget at this time. Paul will continue to look at other funding opportunities. 2) Candidates running for Kelso City Council positions will hold a debate at a forum tomorrow, October 17, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. 3) An executive session will be needed to discuss potential litigation and two real estate matters.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**David Sypher:** 1) An updated fleet maintenance comparison sheet was provided and Council discussion took place. **Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Enter into a contract with Jacobsen's Towing.'** Further discussion followed. Councilmembers Slater, McDaniel, Futcher, Karnofski, Wheeler, and Gregory voted yes. Councilmember Chester voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1. 2) Congratulations to Devin Mackin who will be our new Water/Sewer Supervisor. 3) The airport project is complete and close-out of the contract will be brought to Council in a few weeks. Jerry Sorrell secured another grant in the amount of \$12,000 from the Department of Transportation. 4) The Coweeman Bridge approaches on Kelso Drive have been completed. 5) The work on the Talley Way Bridge approaches at the Longview Wye has not been completed because there has been a problem with the contractor. 6) Several drainage projects were scheduled and \$20,000 was budgeted to do some work on Burcham; however the work will need to be delayed due to some emergency problems. Sidewalks, curbs, and gutters need to be repaired due to the emergency break on 4<sup>th</sup> by the Court House. There are drainage problems on Teresa Way and some curbing needs to be replaced on Grimm Road. Councilmembers discussed other issues around the City.

**Michael Kerins:** 1) The review for the Red Canoe Credit Union is done. 2) An application for the Phoenix Restaurant to be constructed at 13<sup>th</sup> & Hazel has been received. 3) The Planning Commission will have an additional study session at the end of this month to review the park plan. 4) Some revisions to the zoning ordinance will be submitted to the Planning Commission next month.

**Geraldine de Rooy:** We have kicked off a home arts program at the library which is bringing in new people.

**Wayne Nelson:** So far this year 141 police offers have been killed in the line of duty compared to 150 for the entire year in 2006.

**Veryl Anderson:** 1) Larry & I just returned from twenty-one days in Eastern Europe. We visited four of our foreign exchange students and their families. 2) We are busy restructuring our office and candidates have been interviewed for two positions that will be open in the Finance Department.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Joe Wheeler:** Joe asked about the outcome of the B & O issue with local realtors. City Manager Brachvogel has received an interpretation from Seattle/Tacoma. Currently no B & O taxes will be collected from realtors in other cities who list property in Kelso. Accounting Supervisor Brian Butterfield said the City was required to pass the Model Ordinance, which includes the B & O license provisions, in order to continue collecting Business & Occupation tax. It was the consensus of the Council to have Paul and Brian

put together a memo to make the issue more clear and a workshop will be scheduled at a later date if necessary.

**David Fatcher:** No report

**John Karnofski:** No report

**Mark Chester:** No report

**Todd McDaniel:** 1) I went to a conference at the Expo Center about poverty. We learned that 80 percent of the people in prison are illiterate. It would be wise for communities to spend more for education when people are younger rather than paying to put them in prison later. 2) I just want to say I commend the Council for their support of the skate park.

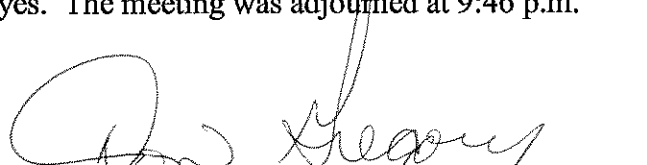
**Alan Slater:** 1) There are two houses near the Manasco Soccer Fields that we might want to purchase, if they come on the market, to increase the size of the soccer field. 2) Our city should be proud of our Rotary Park. 3) I was a little shocked when I read the letter from Dennis Wise. We just wanted to look at the lease. Dennis is doing a good job and he is well qualified. Discussion followed.

**Don Gregory:** 1) Last week a cameraman from Buffalo, New York, filmed points of interest in our city for an eight-minute spot that will be on our web page in about a month. Advertising was pre-sold to local businesses. 2) I filmed with KGW TV for a news story on food stamp fraud which will air the first or second week in November.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and real estate issues. The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:45 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

  
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**CITY CLERK**