

Public Works Director David Sypher gave the invocation. Mayor Don 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, Futch, McDaniel, and Karnofski. Councilmember Wheeler was absent from the meeting.

Minutes: Councilmember Futch asked to have the word "high" removed from a citizen's comment on page 4. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester, seconded by Councilmember Futch, Approve the Minutes of the 12/4/07 Regular Meeting with the removal of the word "high" on page 4. Motion carried, all voting yes.

INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Gregory introduced **Nancy Malone**, our new **Associate Planner**. Nancy has been a planner for twenty years and she has worked for the City of Woodland for seven years. City Manager Brachvogel said the City of Kelso is fortunate to have Nancy.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Gregory read a proclamation declaring **Bill Ammons as Kelso's 2008 Philanthropist of the Year**. This honor is given to individuals who routinely exhibit the highest degree of caring towards their fellow man. Bill has successfully held annual food drives for many years. He and his wife, Patty, have given food, cash, coats, and bicycles to many people in need. Mayor Gregory presented a plaque to Bill and asked Kelso citizens to assist Mr. Ammons in his noble efforts to rid the community of hunger.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Jim Krieder spoke from the audience concerning a disabled Kelso resident in need of help. Mr. Krieder asked if anything could be done to lower her water bill. Mayor Gregory said citizens 61 and older with an annual income of \$35,000 or less can apply for a senior discount. He suggested contacting CAP and other local service agencies for assistance.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion of Joint Council Workshop with Longview to discuss branding and merger of services: It was the consensus of the Council to attend a joint meeting with the City of Longview on January 17, 2008; however, the Council does not want to discuss a merger of services at this time.

APPOINTMENTS:

With Council's consensus, Mayor Gregory made the following appointments:

James Webb, appointed to the Park Board
Jerry Phillips, Reappointed to the Park Board, Position #5
Pamela Enbusk, Reappointed to the Park Board, Position #3
Cindy Keeney, appointed to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

City Manager Brachvogel stated Jim Springer was removed from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee because he didn't respond to the letter that was sent to him. There are currently openings on the Library and Park Boards. Anyone interested in applying for a position may pick up an application at City Hall.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,619,662.33

Liquor License Renewal: 1) Last Chance Tavern, 1107 N. Pacific; 2) Red Lion Hotel, 510 Kelso Drive; 3) Rite Aid #5287, 230 Kelso Drive; 4) 13th Ave. Mini Mart, 1821 13th Avenue; 5) Wild Grizzly Casino, 902 Ash Street; 6) Shari's of Kelso, 205 S. Kelso Drive; 7) Tim's Bar & Grill, 213 Allen Street

New Liquor License: Savano's Pizzeria, 200 Kelso Drive, Suite 238

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,619,662.33, motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 07-3655 – Adopting 2008 Budget: The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3655, 'AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE 2008 FISCAL YEAR,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMP PLAN AMENDMENT:

Community Development Director Michael Kerins said this is a request for an amendment to the comp plan map and a rezone of certain properties on the north and south side of North Kelso Drive just west of Interstate 5.

Mayor Gregory opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Gregory closed the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Ping Chen, 2639 Harding Street, Longview, who is the developer for the proposed project, gave a presentation and spoke about the potential to bring shoppers into the area which would increase revenue for the city and provide jobs.

Council discussion followed. Norm Gollub of the Gollub Group, who has a special services contract with the city, gave a presentation.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Accept the Planning Commission's recommendation,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Amending the Official Zoning Maps: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KELSO BY CHANGING CERTAIN PARCELS ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF NORTH KELSO DRIVE JUST WEST OF INTERSTATE 5 FROM NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER AND SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO SPECIALTY RETAIL AND SERVICES AND FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MAJOR RETAIL COMMERCIAL,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Gregory reminded Councilmembers the next regular Council Meeting is Wednesday, January 2, 2008, due to the holiday.

Ordinance No. 07-3656 – Amending City B & O Tax: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3656, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-3557, CODIFIED AS KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 5.03, WHICH ADOPTED A MODEL TAX ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF KELSO,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3657 – Amending Administrative Procedures Regarding B & O Taxes: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3657, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-3558, CODIFIED AS KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 5.02, ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS FOR BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAXES,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3658 – Water and Sewer Rate Increase: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3658, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 06-3637 TO INCREASE WATER AND SEWER RATES.' Lengthy Council discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3659 – Stormwater Amendment: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3659, 'AN ORDINANCE OF

THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 97-3379 RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BY INCREASING THE BASE RATE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY PARCELS, AND INCREASING THE MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF OTHER DEVELOPED PARCELS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 07-954 – Notice of Intent to Annex Tichael Properties: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-954, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ACCEPTING A 10 PERCENT NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMMENCE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF KELSO OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO BE KNOWN AS THE TICHAEL PROPERTIES ANNEXATION.' Community Development Director Michael Kerins said this is an application from Tichael Properties, LLC, to propose annexation of 6.39 acres of land located on the south side of Grade Street and the south side of Coweeman River, and between the Coweeman River and Interstate 5.

Tim Sparks, 1615 Crawford, introduced his partner, Michael Waddington, and spoke about the proposed project.

Council discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Water Treatment Plant, Annual Chemical Bid Award in the Amount of \$44,375.20: Public Works Director David Sypher said the amount is \$11,000 less than last year. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the bid in the amount of \$44,375.20,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Janitorial Cleaning Agreement with Team Cleaning Concepts: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the janitorial cleaning agreement with Team Cleaning Concepts,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Airport AWOS Closeout (Project No. 570502) with Creagan Excavating, Inc.: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the closeout of the Airport AWOS project with Creagan Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$697,109.81,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Close Out Talley Way Bridge Repair Project with Lakeside Industries, Inc.: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Close out the Talley Way Bridge Repair Project with Lakeside Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$11,280.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 07-955 – Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus (1998 1-Ton Chevrolet 3500 Truck): Upon motion by Councilmember Chester, seconded by

Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-955, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Meter Reading Agreement with Farwest Utilities: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Farwest Utilities,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 07-956 – Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the General Fund to the Airport Fund: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-956, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE AIRPORT FUND AND PROVIDING FOR REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN.' Finance Director Brian Butterfield stated this transfer of funds is needed because the AWOS project at the airport has incurred some heavy expenditures and they don't get reimbursed right away. As soon as the money is received from the FAA, the money will go back to the general fund. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) Councilmember Fatcher and I went on a tour of downtown Camas to see some of the things they have done in their city. Camas has recently been rated the 63rd best place in the United States to live. The tour was very interesting and they have given us some new ideas. 2) A special meeting has been set for Friday, December 21, at 8:15 a.m. to vote on a resolution and an ordinance concerning real property located at 1115 South Pacific. Council discussed whether or not to accept this gift of property.

Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Accept the gift of property at 1115 South Pacific contingent upon receiving a letter from DOE. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes. 3) A plaque for the Rotary Spray Park was discussed. 4) Mayor Gregory spoke about the possibility of putting up covered picnic tables. It was suggested that various service clubs, families, or individuals might be interested in donating a table. Prices vary from \$2,500 to \$5,000. 5) The Chamber of Commerce has been very active in looking into ways to make legislative changes soon that could help the City of Kelso. 6) The River Road property that was for sale for \$1.1 million will be closing on December 31. 7) We are in process of making some policy recommendations to Council about a partnership with the United Way. 8) Staff, Councilmembers, and their wives are invited to a Christmas Breakfast Team Building event Friday, December 21, at 8:00 a.m. 8) An Executive Session to discuss active litigation and a real estate matter will be needed.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) Merry Christmas! 2) David spoke about scheduling a permit review workshop. City Manager Brachvogel will provide some written material for Council to review and a meeting date will be set if needed. 3) Concrete projects are moving forward. The work on Teresa Way and the sidewalk at 4th Avenue should be completed soon. 4) The crew is doing a great job!

Michael Kerins: We have been given a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the Skateboard Park by the Tony Hawk Foundation. Jeremy Hooper is still working on fundraisers because the match money is required by February.

Geraldine de Rooy: 1) The library was approached by officials from the Red Canoe Credit Union, who are building a new branch a short distance from the Library, to discuss the possibility of creating a Red Canoe Reading Room. 2) Merry Christmas!

Wayne Nelson: 1) We have been busy working on policy review and revision. 2) I just want to encourage people when they do their Christmas shopping to keep their purchases and valuables out of site. 3) Merry Christmas!

Brian Butterfield: Have a happy and safe holiday season.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: Citizens in Seattle gave money and seven semi truckloads of donations to the Lewis County flood victims.

Todd McDaniel: 1) I just want to say I have enjoyed working on the Council with Mark. 2) Since this is the time of year people often make donations to various organizations, I encourage giving to CAP. When you give to CAP you can specify the program you want to receive the funds.

Mark Chester: 1) This is my last Council meeting. I have enjoyed the four years I have been on the Council and it has been an honor to work with the staff and the other Councilmembers. I would like to stay involved. Mayor Gregory presented a plaque to Mark in appreciation of his dedication to the City of Kelso. 2) Merry Christmas!

John Karnofski: I have enjoyed working with Mark and I wish him well.

David Futcher: 1) I have enjoyed working with Mark. 2) On December 7 I attended an open house in the 1200 block of North First for a recipient of some share funds that we provided through the Housing Authority using document recording fees.

Don Gregory: 1) Thanks to David Sypher and his staff for moving the eagle statue. 2) I want to wish everyone happy holidays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss active litigation and a real estate matter. Possible action may be taken. At 9:02 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance (1st reading) – Increasing the Compensation Paid to Members of the Council: The Deputy City Clerk read the ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Chester, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 05-3584, CODIFIED AS KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 2.04.030, INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.’ Council discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers Futcher, Chester, Slater, and Gregory voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski and McDaniel voted no. Motion passed 4 to 2.

Mayor Gregory set a special meeting Friday, December 21, at 8:15 a.m. for the second reading of this ordinance and consideration of acceptance of donated real property located at 1115 S. Pacific.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, ‘Move to Adjourn,’ motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



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