

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso United Methodist 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, Fatcher, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/17/07 Regular Meeting and 4/24/07 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Marjorie Castle, 212 Whitewater Rd., Longview, representing Landowners and Citizens for a Safe Community, spoke from the audience concerning the proposed liquefied natural gas plant. She presented to Councilmembers a CD containing valuable information

Comments by Councilmember Slater followed.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring May 1, 2007, as "**Early Childhood Education Teacher Appreciation Day**" in the City of Kelso. Becky Lacy and Monica LaRiviere accepted the Proclamation.

Mayor Gregory declared the week of **May 13-19, 2007, as Police Week** and asked all citizens of Kelso to observe **May 15, 2007, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day**. Kelso Chief of Police Wayne Nelson accepted the Proclamation. Chaplain Steve White gave some statistics concerning police officers and congratulated Chief Nelson on his 33rd anniversary today, May 1, with the Kelso Police Department. Chaplain White requested the flags be flown at half staff on Tuesday, May 15th, to pay respect to all fallen heroes. Chief Nelson said there should be a special observance for chaplains and thanked Chaplain White for his outstanding service to officers in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

New Liquor License Applications: 1) El Tucan, 409 S. Pacific; 2) Casa De Las Estrellas, 404 W. Main

Liquor License Assumption: 13th Ave. Mini Mart, 1821 13th Avenue

Chief Nelson stated the Police Department has started to do more extensive background checks on new business applications. A thorough check on the owners of El Tucan and Casa De Las Estrellas has been completed.

Upon Motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 07-3645 – Taxation of Utilities: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3645, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RELATING TO TAXATION OF UTILITIES; AMENDING CHAPTER 5.05 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2462, CODIFIED AS KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 3.28; AND RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING PRIOR ACTS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3646 – Authorizing Encroachment on a Platted Utility (Alan Burnett Property at 2498 Sunrise): The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3646, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT OF THE CITY TO ALLOW A LANDOWNER ENCROACHMENT RELIEF IN SAID EASEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE.' City Attorney Paul Brachvogel said the City Charter requires an ordinance in order to convey any interest in real property. At the next Council meeting, there will be a motion item for a short plat modification. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Closed Record Hearing Riverbend Development, Planned Unit Residential Subdivision Preliminary Plat (PURD) with Right-of-Way "Vacation" Request: City Attorney Brachvogel explained the closed record hearing doesn't allow the Council to take any new testimony. The Council can only speak about what was discussed at the Public Hearing during the Kelso City Planning Commission meeting that was held on Tuesday, April 10.

Don Mathison, Kelso City Planner, gave a brief summary of what was reviewed by the Planning Commission. Mr. Jerry Baysinger, MGH Associates, is requesting preliminary plat approval for a 54 unit town home development as a planned unit residential development with zero lot line, and accompanying right-of-way "vacation" request.

Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve *with conditions* the Riverbend Place planned unit residential development with zero lot line and grant approval of the preliminary plat accompanying right-of-way "vacation" request,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 07-938 - Declare Certain Items as Surplus and No Longer of Any Use to the City (2001 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol Unit & 2001 Chevy Lumina): The City Clerk read the proposed Resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember

McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futchter, 'Approve Resolution No. 07-938, '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.' Chief Nelson said the Police Department has updated their fleet and these vehicles are ready to come off the line. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Allen Street Crossing at Kelso High School: Public Works Director David Sypher noted he sent an e-mail to Councilmembers showing the different types of lights that could be used at the three locations. His recommendation would be to purchase two of one type of lights to be installed in the crosswalk nearest to the high school and the lesser priced lights to be put on each end. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Authorize purchase of two small blinker lights from Traffic Safety Supply in the amount of \$5,569.64 and four amber lights from Coral Sales in the amount of \$8,580.00 for a total of \$14,149.64.' Councilmember Wheeler stated these are solar powered lights and there will be push buttons for pedestrians to use when crossing. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Hiring Skate Park Grant Writer: City Manager Doug Robinson has contacted Melissa Taylor at Council of Governments and Anne O'Connor of On the Mark Consulting. Both are well qualified to write grants for the skate park. Councilmember Futchter was concerned about losing the support of Jeremy Hooper, a local skate shop owner who has been successful in putting together fundraising events. City Manager Robinson stated Jeremy's fundraising would be a benefit when applying for grants because foundations offering money like to have community involvement. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with either of the grant writers (not to exceed \$17,775) plus allocate \$20,000 to the skate board park.' A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, Councilmembers McDaniel, Slater, Chester, Karnofski, and Futchter, voting yes; Wheeler and Gregory voting no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Notice Requirements for Nuisance Abatement: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futchter and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3575, CODIFIED AS KMC 8.24.430, AND ADDING A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS KMC 8.24.455 REGARDING NUISANCE ABATEMENT,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Doug Robinson: 1) Eight applications have been received for the Community Development Director position. Staff is looking at these applications and five or six

applicants will be called for interviews. I would like to have Staff and some Planning Commission members present for the interviews. 2) Information for the AWC Conference in Tacoma was handed out. The early registration date deadline is May 11. Let Doug or Betty know if you plan to attend.

STAFF REPORTS:

Paul Brachvogel: No report. A short executive session will be needed.

David Sypher: 1) We are getting our overlay project started for street operations and engineering divisions. 2) Plan review is very busy. 3) Thanks to the crews who are working hard. 4) Councilmember McDaniel asked if the City can apply for a grant from Cowlitz County for a new hanger at the airport. David said the City is in process of applying for a grant. 5) Councilmember McDaniel stated he has received several calls concerning the girls' softball games being cancelled because LCC has been playing softball at Tam O'Shanter. Also, the dugouts have been painted red. David will check on this.

Sharon Zimmerman, Engineer: The Engineering Department will be having a GIS system online for staff internally to view our community which includes aerials, tax parcel map overlay, as well as our existing utilities. The utility base mapping will provide a lot of valuable information.

Wayne Nelson: 1) Our new car is scheduled to arrive this week. 2) We have been working for quite some time getting a new radio system up and running. There are still a few problems to work out. 3) Mayor Gregory congratulated Chief Nelson on his 33rd Anniversary with the Kelso Police Department today, May 1.

Geraldine de Rooy: The Kelso Public Library was successful in securing an equipment replacement grant that was administered through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Veryl Anderson: We have sold two train tickets for the Santa Express which is part of our Tree Lighting Festival on November 30. Foster Farms has donated money for two busses this year. We have a reservation at the Hilton in Vancouver and we have reserved seats on Amtrak as well as the two busses. We kept a list of people who didn't get to go last year and they have been called to give them first chance to reserve seats. We have room for 94 people. If anyone is interested, give us a call.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: 1) Spoke about a call he received from Jim Clary regarding the widening of his approach at the airport. Public Works Director Sypher gave some clarification on the Talley Way airport project and stating the project has been completed. 2) Kelso is the

lead agency in getting the Cowlitz River dredged. 3) Spoke about the design for the SR-432 Interchange near old Highway 99 and I-5.

David Futcher: No report

Joe Wheeler: Spoke about concerns he has for the SR-432 Project and the problems it would cause to local businesses if Talley Way is closed for any length of time.

Mark Chester: No report

Todd McDaniel: No report


John Karnofski: No report

Don Gregory: The South Kelso Town Hall meeting will be on Thursday, May 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Wallace School. Councilmember McDaniel has volunteered to preside at the meeting because I will be in Washington, D.C., lobbying and testifying with Congress on environmental issues dealing with mining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. At 8:56 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Slater and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



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