

Pastor Nick Buhler, Kelso First Assembly of God, 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 Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 8/19/08 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a Proclamation declaring September 12, 2008, as **Veterans Stand Down Day**. A representative from the Veterans accepted the proclamation and invited all needy Veterans and their families to attend the event at the Cowlitz County Event Center from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Referrals and services such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings, and VA and Social Security benefits counseling will be available.

PRESENTATION:

Jack Koelker, Vice Chairman of the Kelso Library Board, presented a plaque to **Councilmember Rick Roberson** for his service on the Library Board from 2000 to 2008. He has also served on the Planning Commission and is serving again on the City Council. Rick is an asset to the community. Rick thanked other Library Board members for their service and spoke about his desire for a new library in Kelso.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion - Hiring FSC Group: City Manager Paul Brachvogel said the FCS Group has suggested doing a study concerning the effects of moving to a work schedule of four ten-hour days or some variation of work days to save money and operation costs. There is a trend to go greener and to become more aware of the impacts of employee trip counts. An internal survey has been done and feedback from employees was positive. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Authorize FSC Group to prepare a proposal to study a trip rate reduction plan,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Liquor License Renewals: 1) Freeway Shell Food Mart, 115 Kelso Drive; 2) Kelso Flying K Gas and Food Mart, 103 W. Main; 3) Kelso Theater PUB, 214 S. Pacific; 4) Sunrise Bagels-Kelso/Sunrise Bistro, 503 Allen

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda.' Mayor Futcher noted one business is currently closed.

Finance Director Brian Butterfield said this is probably an automatic renewal and the State may not be aware the business has closed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Waste Control Proposal for Fuel Surcharge Adjustment: Mayor Fletcher reminded Councilmembers our contract with Waste Control allows them to bring contract modifications to Council for consideration. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Accept the fuel surcharge adjustment to the Waste Control contract.' Public Works Director David Sypher said Waste Control is proposing that we modify the contract, which goes through 2009, to recover 95% of costs exceeding \$2.75 a gallon for fuel. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Prothman Contract for Police Chief Search: City Manager Paul Brachvogel said the Prothman Group's rate for the search would be 20 percent of the job's salary. Paul's recommendation is to hire Mr. Prothman to conduct a West Coast search. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Prothman Group to search for a Police Chief.' Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Postpone voting on this contract until the September 16 Council Meeting.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, Slater, McDaniel, Roberson, and Fletcher voted yes. Councilmember Malella voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce: Rick Winsman, President of the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce, spoke about evaluating the community assessment that Destination Development prepared for the City. A task force selection committee will be put together to analyze Destination's recommendations, as well as suggestions from citizens. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce,' motion carried, all voting yes. Mr. Winsman requested having two Councilmembers work with City Manager Brachvogel to form a nominating committee to appoint a task force. Councilmember Myers and Councilmember McDaniel volunteered.

HDR Amendment to Agreement for Engineering Design Services – Kelso Longview Regional Airport AWOS Relocation 2007: Public Works Director David Sypher received a letter from HDR requesting a change in fee to reflect scope of work and level of effort changes that have occurred during the design and bidding phases of this project. HDR has requested an additional \$30,360. The cost to the City would be between \$759 and \$1,518. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the amendment to the HDR contract,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Paul Brachvogel: 1) A thank you note and picture were presented to Mayor Fatcher for his participation in the summer reading program at Wallace School. 2) Life Flight wants to have a helicopter ambulance service in Kelso. I will be asking for permission to negotiate a lease of some City property. 3) There will be a workshop Wednesday, October 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m. with WCIA Executive Director Lewis Leigh. The topic of discussion will be *Do's and Don'ts of Councilmembers*. 4) Some information on curbside recycling was sent out and more information will be coming. 5) Some Councilmembers have expressed concerns about the City Charter and a desire for the Council to make some changes in certain areas. Mayor Fatcher suggested such a request should come from outside the Council and encouraged citizens to contact Councilmembers if they want to make some changes to the Charter. 6) An executive session will be needed to discuss land accusation.

STAFF REPORT:

David Sypher: No report

Michael Kerins: No report

Geraldine de Rooy: No report

Wayne Nelson: 1) Kelso Schools start tomorrow so there will be more traffic. Watch out for the kids. 2) Again this year the Police Department received a Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant. The \$13,000 grant will help pay for extra time to allow police officers to devote time to school-related activities. 3) The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs became the grant administrators for a statewide grant that is intended to help officers and agencies within their cities verify the physical addresses of sex offenders. Kelso will receive around \$23,800. 4) To date, calls for service are down 10 percent and arrests are down 20 percent.

Brian Butterfield: No report

Carol Bradbury: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: Kelso's first home game with Mark Morris will be this Friday, September 5th, at 7:00.

Gerald Malella: No report

Rick Roberson: 1) The South District Town Hall Meeting will be September 24th at 6:00 p.m. at Wallace School. 2) A motorcycle rally will be held under the bridge on Saturday, September 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association is sponsoring the free family event.

John Karnofski: No report

Alan Slater: Thanked Amy Fisher of the Daily News for all the research she did and putting the article in the Daily News about the skate track that was located in Kelso years ago.

Dan Myers: No report

David Futcher: No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. At 8:28 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.



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