

Councilmember Wheeler 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, Wheeler, Slater, Chester, Fitcher, McDaniel, and Karnofski.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/21/07 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**APPOINTMENT:**

With Council consensus, Mayor Gregory appointed **Emilee Moore** to the **Library Board**. All Library Board positions are now filled.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Gregory read a Proclamation declaring October 2007 as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" in the City of Kelso. Jeanie Molony spoke about domestic violence and accepted the proclamation. Jeanie invited citizens to attend a candlelight celebration at the Cowlitz County Conference Center on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in an effort to show community support against domestic violence.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 07-945 - CTED Grant:** The City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fitcher, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve Resolution No. 07-945, 'A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY, TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR A COMPETITIVE GRANT TO STREAMLINE THE CITY'S PROJECT PROCESSING SYSTEM AS WELL AS PROJECT REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.' Community Development Director Michael Kerins said this grant would enable his department to provide faster and more accurate information to customers by implementing an automated permit tracking system. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Consulting Agreement with Prothman for City Manager Position:**

Mayor Gregory stated he and other Councilmembers have received many phone calls and letters pertaining to the City Manager position. Letters in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel as City Manager have been received from Fire Chief Dave LaFave; former Councilmembers Darrell Frost, Jack Keolker, and Keith Lawrence and his wife, Karen;

and Trina Young, AFSCME Union Representative. Mayor Gregory gave citizens the opportunity to speak.

The following citizens spoke from the audience:

**Rick Winsman, President of the Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce,** spoke in favor of hiring Paul Brachvogel as City Manager.

**Don Lemmons, Owner of Interstate Wood Products,** spoke in favor of hiring Paul as City Manager.

Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Chester, '**Appoint Paul Brachvogel as Kelso City Manager.**' Council discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken. Councilmembers Slater, Futcher, Chester, McDaniel, Wheeler, and Gregory voted yes. Councilmember Karnofski voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1. Mayor Gregory congratulated Paul Brachvogel as Kelso's new City Manager. Paul thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Gregory invited everyone to take a short break allowing Councilmembers, staff, and citizens to congratulate Paul.

Council discussion followed concerning the City Manager's contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Slater, '**Sign an agreement with Prothman to write a contract for the City Manager position and do a City Manager evaluation each year,**' motion carried, all voting yes. Mayor Gregory would like to hold a workshop at a later date to discuss some changes if Paul retains the position of Chief Legal Council. Discussion would include possibly hiring an assistant City Attorney at a much lower rate and contracting with other appropriate law firms. Council discussion followed.

**FCS Agreement – Authorization of Expenditures for Connection Charge Update**

**Services:** Public Works Director David Sypher stated the last review was in 2001. The total project is estimated at \$7,870.00. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize signing an agreement with FCS Group for an amount not to exceed \$7,870.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Petition to Remove Two Hour Parking Limit on the 100 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:**

Public Works Director Sypher stated a petition has been received requesting the removal of the two hour parking limit on the 100 Block of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue because parking largely affects the businesses. Lengthy Council discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Leave the parking the way it is.' Councilmembers Slater, Futcher, Karnofski, Wheeler, and Gregory voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel and Chester voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

**Notice of Intention to Commence Annexation Proceedings – Oldham Heights:**  
*Stricken from the agenda per applicant.*

**Resolution No. 07-946 – Declaring Certain Property as Surplus (Scrap Metal, Pipes, Meters located at the Bone Yard at the Operations Center):** The City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Futch, 'Adopt Resolution No. 07-946, '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.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Paul Brachvogel:** 1) I just want to thank Kris Swanson and Ronni Booth for their work putting together the Highlander Festival Parade. 2) The proposed dates for the Budget Workshop are the evenings of November 5, November 7, and November 8 beginning at 6:00 p.m. 3) I have been asked to give the State of the City Address at the Chamber of Commerce at noon on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at Red Lion. 4) On September 18<sup>th</sup> I will give the Statement of Financial Affairs for the City at a Public Hearing.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**David Sypher:** 1) We have started getting ready for the budget. 2) The overlay and chip seal projects are complete and we have received many compliments. 3) We are finishing up the work at Tam O'Shanter Park and will get things cleaned up as best we can for the Highlander Festival. 4) The City of Longview has agreed to be the sponsor of a regional airport grant amounting to approximately \$125,000. 5) Water/Sewer Superintendent David Tipton resigned, leaving a vacant position. 6) We get comments all the time concerning the weeds at the Cowlitz Way Bridge. I just want to remind the public that this is a State highway and the City cannot do any work on it. We will call the State once again to remind them to clean it up. 7) Councilmember Slater said there is a sink hole developing at the corner of Crawford and Pacific Way near Lee's Transmission. 8) Concerning the rut in front of the Hall of Justice, which is the State's responsibility, our contractor will do the pipe bursting underneath the street on September 17<sup>th</sup> and the State will fix the street at the end of September. 9) Mayor Gregory asked about other streets that need fixed. David Sypher said starting September 5<sup>th</sup> repairs will begin on a huge patch on Grimm Rd. On September 10<sup>th</sup> the crew will begin a three-week long crack sealing project and the first of October they will start on a patch list. 10) Councilmember Wheeler said the overlay project on Burcham looks great but drivers treat it like a race track. Speed bumps may be needed. 11) Councilmember Wheeler asked about the sink holes on Ross Street. David said Ross Street is on the patch list.

**Michael Kerins:** The design review for the Red Canoe project has been completed and things are moving forward.

**Geraldine de Rooy:** No report

**Wayne Nelson:** 1) I want to remind drivers that school starts tomorrow and we want to keep our kids safe. 2) I will remind officers to be on the lookout for speedy drivers, especially on Burcham. Public Works Director Sypher said the six new crosswalk signs on Allen Street are up.

**Veryl Anderson:** We are busy getting ready for the Highlander Festival. The article in the Daily News was incorrect, as there is no wine tasting. The Fun Run/Walk starts Saturday at 8:00. Kiwanis is in charge of the parade beginning at 10:00 which starts on Ash Street, goes to Grade Street, and ends inside Tam O'Shanter Park. There will be lots of food and craft vendors. Competitions and entertainment will take place Saturday and Sunday, including the golf tournament and Rotary Duck Race on Sunday. The weather is supposed to be great. All are encouraged to attend.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**David Futcher:** No report

**Todd McDaniel:** No report

**John Karnofski:** No report

**Joe Wheeler:** No report

**Alan Slater:** I was at Tam O'Shanter today and I am so upset with DOE concerning the stormwater holding pond at the end of one of the soccer fields. DOE needs to be contacted.

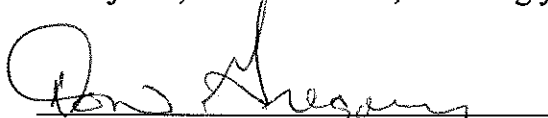
**Mark Chester:** No report

**Don Gregory:** No report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and real estate. At 9:07 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK