

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso United Methodist Church, 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, Von Rock, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, Malella, and Student Representative Jarod Nickerson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the minutes of the 9/15/09 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:

Jarod Nickerson, ASB Vice President: 1) Football season is going well. This is Spirit Week and Homecoming is Friday, October 9th. The game against Mountain View begins at 7:00 p.m. 2) Cross Country is doing well. The next home meet will be October 13th. 3) Preseason wrestling starts tonight at 7:00 p.m. 4) We are doing a "Miracle Minutes Fundraiser" at each home game to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. McDonalds is partnering with Kelso DECA to honor the "Athlete of the Game."

PROCLAMATIONS:

National Community Planning Month, October 2009: Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October 2009 as "**National Community Planning Month**" in the City of Kelso. Community Development Director Michael Kerins accepted the proclamation and spoke about the hard work citizens have been putting in on the vision process for the comprehensive plan. The next meeting is tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the Kelso High School cafeteria. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

National Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2009: Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October 4th – 10th as "**National Fire Prevention Week**" in the City of Kelso. Assistant Chief Alan Headley accepted the proclamation and invited citizens to attend the open house at the Cowlitz 2 Fire Department on Saturday, October 10th, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Dike Certification: Ken Stone, Cowlitz County Asset Manager gave some background information to Councilmembers on the dike certification status. A bill passed by Congress in 2003 required all dikes to be certified. Cities and counties received notification of this requirement in 2007. An agreement to do the work at a cost of approximately \$30,000 was received from the Corps of Engineers in February of 2008; however, a few months later the Corps notified all the diking districts they could not do the dike certification work. Private engineers would need to be hired to do the work due

to the Thomas Amendment that was passed in Congress to prohibit the Corps of Engineers from competing with private engineers. The estimated cost to perform a complete analysis for the work is approximately \$6.7 million. Because of the very high cost, we have continued to have meetings with the Corps of Engineers, FEMA, and congressional delegation staff. The Corps of Engineers would be authorized to do the work at a cost of approximately \$30,000 per district if we can get 5% to 10% federal money. We have been searching for federal money that can be utilized for this purpose and are currently looking at money from the forest service. Discussion followed.

CONSENT ITEMS:

- **LTAC Recommendations – 2009 Requests**
NWAACC Women’s Basketball Tournament \$1,500
- **LTAC Recommendations – 2010 Requests**
City of Kelso, Downtown Banners, \$5,500
Columbia Theatre, \$15,000
NWAACC Baseball Championships, \$2,500
Cowlitz County Historical Museum, \$15,000
City of Kelso, Web Page Upgrade, \$2,500
Columbia River Corvettes, \$2,500
Cowlitz County Tourism Bureau-Awesome Brochure, \$10,000
Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce-Visitors Center, \$58,250
City of Kelso, Tree Lighting Festival, \$2,500
City of Kelso, Highlander Festival, \$20,000

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, ‘Approve the Consent Agenda,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Consideration of Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Medical Insurance Rate Stabilization Pool: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Authorize the signature on the Interlocal Agreement Establishing a Medical Insurance Rate Stabilization Pool.’ **Cory Balkan of Interwest Benefit Consultants**, spoke about a group medical plan that would bring the public sector groups together for purchasing power with the insurance carriers to reduce administrative costs. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Solid Waste Contract: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Authorize the City Manager’s signature on the contract with Waste Control Equipment, Inc.’ Public Works Director David Sypher spoke about the good service Waste Control has provided and said this is a good solid contract that provides for limited rate increases. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of the 2010 Animal Control Services Contract in the Amount of \$81,834.80: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the contract with Animal Control Services.' Council discussion followed.

Anthony Currena, 803 S. 6th Avenue, spoke from the audience about not being able to contact the Human Society to pick up animals on the weekends.

Further discussion followed. Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, Von Rock, Myers, Karnofski, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Malella voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) Kelso High DECA students are having a clean-up day in the city on Saturday. They will meet under the bridge to pick up garbage bags which we are providing. The parks crew will pick up the bags on Monday and put them in the dumpsters. DECA students are also doing a great job at the home football games getting money for Ronald McDonald House. 2) The Depot volunteers are doing a great job. 3) A fourteen-year-old boy was hit in the Allen Street crosswalk today. A vehicle stopped to let him cross and was rear ended causing the vehicle to hit him. 4) The River Casino has closed their business. 5) I am working with a group of Kelso senior citizens through CAP to put together a lunch program at the Catlin Center. 6) The staff is having a potluck from 11:30 to 1:30 on Wednesday, October 21st. 7) Councilmember Von Rock mentioned an article he recently read and asked if the State of Washington has anything that provides for small rural downtown funds needed for revitalization through sales tax revenue. Finance Director Brian Butterfield said the rural sales tax goes through the County and there are some restrictions on how the funds can be used. Discussion followed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) Clarified a statement he made earlier when talking about the contract with Waste Control. 2) Quite a bit of work is being done at the airport. The Airport Master Plan is time consuming and the summit that was planned for November has been moved to January. Additional information will be sent out the end of October. 3) The west side of the FBO has been paved. Crack sealing and hangar repairs are completed for the year. 4) The annual leak detection has been done and we have found about six water leaks that need to be repaired. 5) Water reservoir cleaning has been completed. 6) Bids open tomorrow for sidewalk repairs and wheel chair ramps. 7) The skate park is really looking good. There are some features at this park that are not found anywhere else in the Northwest. The skaters are very excited and taking ownership of the park and

donating their time working to get little added touches. 8) The bridge painting is complete and should be closing around October 20th. 9) The 13th Street Overlay is out to bid again. Discussion followed. 10) Councilmember McDonald asked about the cost of installing flashing lights at crosswalks. Discussion followed.

Michael Kerins: No report

Cindy Donaldson: 1) Our next book discussion will start the first of November and we will be discussing *The Three Junes*. If interested, you can pick up a copy at the library. 2) The Friends of the Library raised \$700 at a two-day book sale. The funds will be used for children's programs. 3) We are gearing up for three Halloween programs the end of October.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Our officers have responded to over 10,000 calls for service this year. 2) Aaron Marthaller is completing his field training officer tour and should be released to work by himself soon. 3) We are working with the reserve officers to have a safe Halloween. 4) Officer Brown, Sgt. Blain, and Capt. Kirk are working with the high school on a program to remove graffiti throughout the city. 5) The Humane Society has weekend patrols, but they are limited. 6) The accident that occurred today probably wouldn't have been solved by a traffic light. I checked on the boy that was hit and he is doing well.

Brian Butterfield: 1) We are looking at some alternative payment options for utilities. A conference call has been set up with Bank of America tomorrow to discuss some credit card options. 2) We are also looking at budget payment options; however, it doesn't look too promising. Citizens can make monthly payments if they want. 3) Mayor Fitcher asked how much the casino was behind on their taxes when they closed. Brian said they haven't paid their August or September taxes and the \$30,000 note is still owed.

Carol Bradbury: The Tree Lighting Committee has started working on the festival. Volunteers are welcome.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: 1) Homecoming is Friday beginning at 7:00. 2) CUBS extended the free bus rides through the end of the year. 3) CAP Foundation and Wal-Mart are having a fundraiser event called "One Person Can Make A Difference" on Saturday, October 24th, at 6:00 p.m. There are two seats left at the Kelso table. Let me know if you are interested.

Rick Von Rock: 1) I want to thank the City for allowing us to attend the AWC training in Kalama. It was very informative. 2) An update was given to Councilmembers about various issues that were discussed at a recent COG meeting. 3) Spoke about the

increased volume of people riding the bus since it has been free. The bus is also going to Lexington. 4) At the County Commissioners meeting today they addressed the interlocal agreement with the City of Kelso on the airport and they will be paying \$19,000. City Manager Richards reminded Councilmembers they have paid \$20,000 in the past.

Rick Roberson: 1) The possibility of having a regional library was discussed at a recent Community Summit meeting. 2) I will be attending a subcommittee meeting to discuss group purchasing.

Dan Myers: No report

John Karnofski: No report

Gerald Malella: 1) I go by the skate park every day and it is going well. Asked when it would be finished. Public Works Director Sypher said it would be finished around the end of the month. 2) Gave an update of a recent COG meeting. One idea that is being explored is changing addresses on county roads for safety purposes.

David Futcher: No report

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK