

Chaplain Steve White, Kelso Police Department, gave the invocation. Mayor David Fatcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Fatcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Fatcher, Karnofski, Myers, Roberson, and Malella.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/20/10 Regular Meeting.' Mayor Fatcher noted there was one small correction in Councilmember Myer's report. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Fatcher read a proclamation declaring May 2010 as **Mental Health Awareness Month** in the City of Kelso. Eric Yakovich, a representative of Cowlitz County Guidance Association and the Lower Columbia Mental Health Center, accepted the proclamation and spoke about the importance of awareness and treatment. People can recover from mental illness and lead full, productive lives in the community.

Mayor Fatcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 9 through May 15, 2010, as **National Police Week** in the City of Kelso. Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton accepted the proclamation and gave a power point presentation honoring police officers. Special tribute was given to Officer Frank Konen, who was shot and killed in Kelso on March 27, 1948. He left behind his wife and baby. Chief Hamilton also thanked the reserve officers who have donated 472 hours this year. Six reserve officers were present. Chaplain White spoke about the courageous men and women who put their lives on the line every day. In 2009, 116 peace officers lost their lives. He spoke about the fifteen children in Washington State who lost a parent because their mom or dad wore a badge and a gun. Flags will be flown at half staff on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Peace Officers Memorial Day, to publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers and honor fallen officers and their families.

Councilmember Schimmel arrived at 7:15 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Award Contract for Yew Street Waterline, Project #591004, to Rotchy, Inc., in the amount of \$233,388.78
2. Award Contract for 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sewer Replacement, Project #590809, to Rotchy, Inc., in the amount of \$234,045.89
3. Reappoint Betty Wilson to the Mosquito Control District Board (*Added to the Agenda*)

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the consent agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Amending the Speed Limit Along a Portion of SR 4 (Allen Street):** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE SPEED LIMIT ALONG A PORTION OF SR 4, ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFORE; AND REPEALING SECTION 1.C AND 1.D OF ORDINANCE NO. 2285; AND SUPERSEDING OVERLAPPING AREAS OF RESOLUTION NO. 396 AND RESOLUTION NO. 572.' Mayor Fatcher reminded the audience that the Washington State Department of Transportation has requested traffic revisions to improve safety on SR4 by removing the existing mid-block crosswalk on Allen Street and installing a new marked crosswalk at 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. WSDOT has asked us to consider changing the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph beginning at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

**Paul Riley**, 703 ½ Allen, spoke from the audience about the residents who live in the three houses in the area and their need to have a safe place to cross the intersection. He also spoke about the need to enforce the speed limit.

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 N. 7<sup>th</sup>, asked for clarification of the proposed 25 speed limit change. At what point does it go back to 35 mph? Mayor Fatcher said the proposal is to go from where it currently changes to 25 mph, right before the Chevron Station, all the way to Allen Drive.

Public Works Director David Sypher reminded citizens, although this is not a perfect solution, steps are being taken to make this a safer area.

Lengthy Council discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 10-1020 – Declaring Items Surplus (various scrap metal, (8) 55-gallon metal drums, and (1) 30-yard drop box located at the Super 8 recycling site:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 10-1020, '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.' Mayor Fatcher said the resolution has been amended to include the 30-yard drop box. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** At the last Council Meeting, I announced that Public Works Director David Sypher had been chosen by the American Society for Public Administration to receive the Practitioner of the Year Award. Today, we went to Seattle and David received his award for his dedication and hard work.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report

**David Sypher:** I just want to say thank you to my great crew. They work very hard for the City. Councilmember Myers said recently he has had a couple of occasions to be in contact with David's staff, and they have been very professional.

**Michael Kerins:** No report

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) Our monthly book discussion groups are growing. 2) We finished our last story time on Thursday. 3) Summer reading programs will start the day school gets out.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Both patrol and detectives have been busy the last few weeks. 2) Officers assigned to the multi-agency SWAT Team have been receiving training. Councilmember Schimmel thanked Chief Hamilton and his department for the good job they are doing, especially patrolling the school zones.

**Brian Butterfield:** We are five months into the new year and fast approaching the budget season. I would like to request that we set up a workshop to go over the current-year budget. It would help the staff to know your priorities, since we do two-year projections.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Rick Roberson:** 1) KDRA is planning another Iron Horse event Labor Day Weekend. 2) In June, there will be a Spring Fling downtown with vendors, music, and a community garage sale. 3) I attended the comedy show, "The World's Funniest Cop," at the Kelso Theater Pub Friday night. It was a great show. Mayor Fatcher said the proceeds, approximately \$2,415, will be used to complete the softball fields at Tam O'Shanter Park.

**Dan Myers:** Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, is National Train Day. Depot volunteers have been working hard cleaning up the lawn. We hope to have a great turnout for the event.

**Gary Schimmel:** No report

**Gerald Malella:** No report

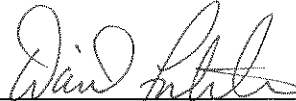
John Karnofski: No report

David Futcher: The date of the Spring Fling is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue and potential litigation. The executive session is expected to last approximately fifteen minutes and no action will be taken. At 8:02 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



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