

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso 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, McDaniel, Webb, Karnofski, Roberson, Schimmel, and Myers.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 4/5/11 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 8 to May 16, 2011, as "**Childhood Cancer Awareness Week**" in the City of Kelso.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Train Depot Volunteer Presentation to the Kelso Public Library:** Henry "Bud" Behrens, the Treasurer of the Depot Volunteer Board, introduced the other members of the board; namely, Board President Dan Myers, Board Member Michael Jones, Secretary Shirley Seward, and Vice President Dan Seward. The volunteers wanted to give special recognition to Georgia Brawand, a dedicated Kelso Library employee who was killed when she was struck by a car after spending the day helping to move the library to the Three Rivers Mall. Two books relating to the railroad industry were donated to the Kelso Library in Georgia's memory. America's Colorful Railroads, an older book, gives an example of the changing scene from the days of the steam engine into modern-day diesel-electric and diesel-hydraulic locomotives. Dining Car to the Pacific, a Northern Pacific based book, includes the history of dining car service in the 30's, 40's, and 50's. It was noted that many recipes are included in the back of the book. Library Director Cindy Donaldson accepted the books and thanked the Kelso Depot volunteers for their generous gift. She said Georgia was an incredible cook and she probably would have checked out these books.

**Waste Control Update:** Joe Willis and Ken Young thanked the City of Kelso, as well as the other cities and the county, for working together with Waste Control. That cooperation has produced the lowest tipping fees on the west side of the mountains. It was reported that Cowlitz County's landfill will last until about the middle of 2013. Provisions have been made to take the waste by rail to the east side of the mountains. They spoke about Weyerhaeuser wanting to sell their landfill. Cowlitz County has had some frank discussions with Weyerhaeuser and Waste Control and we all came to the conclusion that it makes no sense for us to spend extra money to ship our waste out of the county if somebody buys this landfill. Not having to haul the waste long haul by rail to eastern Washington would be a huge savings and the rates should stay low for a very long time. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers were invited to contact Joe if they would like to tour the transfer station.

**PUBLIC HEARING – HOME 2011 Allocations:**

**Julie Hourcle**, City of Longview Community Development Department, gave a power point presentation of the 2011 HOME funding allocation. The City of Longview is the lead agency for administering the HOME Program for Longview and Kelso. This Public Hearing is being held to present the Kelso HOME Investment Partnership Program project design proposals for low-and moderate-income housing projects, to hear public comment supporting the submitted proposals, and to allocate the 2011 program year HOME funds. The projects must benefit families whose income is less than 80% of the Cowlitz County Median Income based on family size. The 2011 HOME funding allocation from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Longview-Kelso Consortium has not yet been determined, but it looks like there might be a 12% decrease. There are four types of projects; i.e., homeownership program, owner rehab, rental housing, and tenant based rental assistance. Information about fair housing laws was also discussed. Julie spoke about some of the completed projects in Kelso and said Councilmembers will be getting an invitation to attend an open house for a home at 1402 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> that was rehabilitated.

Based on a 12% reduction, it is estimated Kelso's base allocation for 2011 will be \$64,439. The only project received in Kelso was Cowlitz County Habitat for Humanity to acquire one or more properties for construction of new single family homes. Habitat for Humanity is requesting \$45,000. Councilmembers can fund the project in its entirety, reduce the project funding, or increase the project funding. You may roll over any remaining funding to 2012, ask that the project be redesigned for future consideration, or deny the project. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Fatcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 p.m. The following individuals spoke from the audience:

**Diane Perron**, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, thanked Councilmembers for their long-term support for Habitat. Kelso now has four families in affordable homes. We are here to ask for \$45,000 to acquire property in Kelso.

**Roger Morey**, Habitat Board Vice President, extended the board's appreciation for all the help they received to provide four houses that are being purchased by the homeowners.

**Cynthia Ruiz**, spoke about her Habitat home at 1504 Bowmont. She has been in her home since September of 2006 and is grateful the HOME funds were available to build her home.

Mayor Fatcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, '**Allocate the total of our HOME funding for this year (estimated at \$64,439) to the one project that applied (Habitat for Humanity).**' Council discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING – Document Recording Fee Surcharge:**

**Community Development Director Michael Kerins** spoke about the document recording fee surcharge history that was given to Councilmembers. Currently funds in the amount of \$51,074.07 are available for obligation. The following requests for funds have been received:

<b>Emergency Support Shelter</b> for Operating costs	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Kelso Housing Authority</b> to re-roof the Columbia Apartments	25,000.00
<b>Longview Housing Authority</b> for Phoenix House Rental Subsidy	15,000.00
<b>Community House on Broadway</b> for Operating costs	10,000.00
<b>Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity</b> for supervisory support	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total Requested	\$75,000.00

After the preliminary submittal, it became known that the amount of funds was less than the total of their requests. In response, each agency decided to proportionately reduce the amount they were requesting as follows:

<b>Emergency Support Shelter</b>	\$ 5,447.07
<b>Kelso Housing Authority</b>	17,025.00
<b>Longview Housing Authority</b>	10,215.00
<b>Community House on Broadway</b>	6,810.00
<b>Cowlitz Habitat for Humanity</b>	<u>11,577.00</u>
<b><u>Total Revised Amount Requested</u></b>	<b>\$51,074.07</b>

Mayor Futch opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. The following individuals made comments:

**Sherrie Tinoco**, Executive Director of the Emergency Support Shelter, reiterated what Community Development Director Kerins said concerning their decision to ask Councilmembers to consider lowering each of the requests by the same percentage. It is felt that all of the projects that are being submitted are critical right now for the community.

**Mayor Futch** said he appreciated the agencies working together. It is difficult for the Council to make these difficult decisions because each agency is making a difference.

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 N. 7<sup>th</sup>, asked if the agencies make any requests from Longview when they have their Document Recording funds. For example, does the Kelso Housing Authority make requests from Longview?

**Community Development Director Michael Kerins**, pointed out that the Longview Housing Authority's allocation is for the Phoenix House, which is located in West Kelso.

Hearing no other comments, Mayor Futch closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Appropriate our Document Recording Fees according to the revised requests totaling \$51,074.07.' A short discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Award 2011 Citywide Overlay Project to Brix Paving Co. in the amount of \$305,794.33**
2. **Liquor License Renewals:** a) Red Lobster #700, 201 Three Rivers Drive; b) Hardtails Bar & Grill, 404 West Main; c) Cliff's Hilltop Market, 604 Burcham
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,436,159.08

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,436,159.08,' motion carried all voting yes.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Larry Alexander**, 1517 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> #A, spoke from the audience on behalf of the Kelso Highlander Festival Board. He asked the Council for permission to move forward with the permitting and paperwork that is required to add a beer garden to the Highlander Festival. It is felt the beer garden will boost attendance. He reported that Rogue Brewery agreed to put on the beer garden and provide for the staff, fencing, security, beer, liquor license, and liability insurance. The brewery will give the festival 50% of the net profits. Staff and Council discussion followed. The Council has nothing to vote on at this time; therefore, it was suggested that Mr. Alexander proceed with the application process.

**Anthony Currena**, 803 S. 6<sup>th</sup>, asked for clarification on an ordinance regarding the leash law. The information he has found, concerning the requirements of having a dog on a leash, is contradictory. Mayor Fatcher read parts of Section 6.04.210 and 6.04.230 of the Kelso Municipal Code. If the dog is on the owner's property, it does not have to be on a leash. If the dog is off the owner's property, it needs to be on a leash. Discussion followed.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 11-1044 - WSDOT Airport Grant:** The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Webb, 'Pass Resolution No. 11-1044, 'RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION GUARANTEEING GRANT MATCH FUNDS AVAILABILITY,' motion carried, all voted yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) Located in the back of the Council Chambers, is a drawing showing what the Kelso Visitor Center might look like if it is moved to the Three Rivers Mall. The more modern facility would be an asset to the mall because it would bring in more people. 2) A couple of years ago we started working on a well city program. Staff and Councilmembers participated in various exercise programs. We have now qualified as a "Well City," which will give us a 2% reduction on our AWC Employee Trust Benefits for 2012, a savings of about \$18,000. We are getting ready to start the program this year so we can qualify for the next year's 2% savings. I appreciate the work the Wellness Committee members have done to accomplish this goal.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report, but I will be happy to answer any questions.

**David Sypher:** 1) We are hoping to receive a \$315,000 county grant for the runway extension at the airport. We applied for the grant a couple of weeks ago and are hopeful we will receive it. The resolution that you passed tonight is for the same type of grant, in the amount of \$215,000, from the Washington State Department of Transportation. 2) An update of the Ross Street sinkhole repair was given. As feared, boiling sand flows with the water making it a very difficult situation. The project, which is about half completed, is expected to go a little over budget, but it will be done right.

**Michael Kerins:** In a few weeks, we should be receiving the \$200,000 Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment plan grant from the Department of Ecology. It was discovered they have an additional \$50,000 they want to add to that. Soon, I will be going out for requests for proposals for the actual work and things should start moving quickly.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) We have issued 470 new library cards since January 15<sup>th</sup>, with 108 purchased by individuals living outside the city limits. We are hoping to reach 500 new cards by the end of this month. 2) Altrusa is nearing the completion of their \$15,000 donation for the Teen Scene at the library. They will have an open house on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The teenagers have taken ownership of the center, keeping it clean and making sure kids aren't being rowdy. Most everything has arrived for the teen center; however, any money Altrusa has left over will be donated to the Friends of the Library so teen books can be purchased for the next four or five years. 3) Columbia Theatre contacted us about a workshop they would like to have with the Missoula Children's Theatre, as part of our summer reading program.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) We are getting ready for a departmental shoot and have apportioned some of our overtime money for that. 2) Officers are busy patrolling and working on traffic safety issues. 3) Two people are currently out on sick leave. 4) Individuals in the Citizens Academy are getting ready to graduate the first of May. 5) Councilmember McDaniel asked about the possibility of putting up the red light

cameras, like they have in Longview. He noted Kelso also has some dangerous intersections. Discussion followed.

**Brian Butterfield:** 1) No report, but I will answer any questions. 2) Councilmember McDaniel asked for a report on revenues coming in. Brian reported sales tax is up a little because of work being done at the Kelso Wye. B & O tax is up a little and property taxes are coming in a little better than last year. All the major revenue sources are coming in as budgeted through the first quarter.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**James Webb:** No report

**Dan Myers:** 1) Funds were requested and received from the Lodging Taxes to upgrade our computer. The final phase will occur tomorrow when a terminal will be installed in the waiting area which will display train schedule information. 2) National Train Day is May 7<sup>th</sup>. Kelso's depot is 100 years old this year, so we are planning a big event. Volunteers will have a clean-up day on April 30<sup>th</sup> to get ready for the event. 3) Samantha Gaddy, a state director for coalition against bigger trucks, contacted me last week. She gave me some information which I will be happy to share if anyone is interested.

**Todd McDaniel:** No report

**John Karnofski:** No report

**Gary Schimmel:** The "Community Report Card" is out. I attended the meeting prior to our Council Meeting tonight; however, I had to leave before the presentation was given.

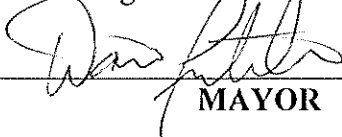
**Rick Roberson:** No report

**David Futcher:** No report

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue/legal matter. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately five minutes. No action is expected to be taken. At 8:30 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for approximately five to eight minutes. At 8:37 p.m. the Council convened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

  
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CITY CLERK