

Pastor Chris Leingang, Faith Lutheran Bretheran 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 David Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, McDaniel, Webb, Schimmel, Roberson, and Myers.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2011 Regular Meeting,' motion carried all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring September 10, 2011, as "**Fill-The-Boot Day**" in the City of Kelso. Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue Lieutenant Jason Sanders accepted the proclamation and spoke of how Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue has been working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association in their fight against neuromuscular disease. Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue collected \$7,928 in the 2010 campaign and asked the City of Kelso Councilmembers and Staff to kick off this year's campaign by putting money in the boot he brought.

PRESENTATION:

Public Works Award Public Works Director David Sypher presented a plaque to the Water Treatment Plant Operators Monte Salte and Paul Reebbs. The plaque is in recognition of receiving an award from the Department of Health. The award is for Treatment Plant Optimization. This is the fifth consecutive year the Water Treatment Plant has received an award. Monte and Paul's hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Cowlitz-Lewis Economic Development District/HUD Grant Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Director Steve Harvey requested a letter of commitment and support from the City of Kelso. The purpose of this request is to supplement a HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant application. The application requires letters of commitments and support from all regional partners. The purpose of the grant is to increase our region's competitiveness for future infrastructure, transportation, housing and other grants from federal and state sources. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve to write the Letter of Commitment and Support for the CLEDD/HUD Grant Application'. Motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **South Kelso Railroad Study**
2. **Right of Way Permit Application – Iron Horse Festival**
3. **Right of Way Permit Application – Highlander Festival Parade**
4. **Waterline Replacement Closeout**

5. **Contract Award – Asphalt Patching of Water/Sewer Utility Cuts**
6. **Auditing of Accounts: \$2,287,232.73**

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,287,232.73,' motion carried all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Anthony Currena, 803 S. 6th Ave, spoke of tweaking the Leash Law that would require dog owners to have their dogs on a leash or behind a fence at all times.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th Ave, asked about the status of the agreement with Cowlitz County regarding the runway extension at the Southwest Washington Regional Airport. David Sypher said he will be giving a presentation regarding this project in his report. Rick said he will wait for David's report. Rick asked about how soon we will break ground on the West Main Realignment Project. David said we are in the environmental stage at this time, and the findings of this stage will determine how much longer it will be. He said, hopefully, we will be completed with Phases I and II in two years. Rick asked about the Street Light Replacement Project. David said we are waiting to receive the lights on back order. Once we get them, the project will be completed in two weeks. Rick commended David on the street work by the Senior Center.

Jim Hill, 1100 N. 22nd Ave, spoke of recommending Bob Von Roch to the open Council Position #3.

Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue Lieutenant Jason Sanders, spoke from the audience and stated that tonight's "Fill-the-Boot" collection from the Councilmembers, staff, and audience totaled \$151. He thanked everyone that donated.

Kevin Fanning, Kalama, spoke of his dream about getting an ice rink for the Kelso area.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

With the Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher appointed Gary Schimmel to the Library Board.

With the Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher scheduled August 30, 2011, 6:00 p.m., in the Kelso City Council Chambers, for the open Council Position #3 interviews.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 11-1049 – Cancel Unclaimed Warrants: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 11-1049, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO CANCELLING CERTAIN WARRANTS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.56.040.' Motion carried all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Budget Revision #3: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2011 BUDGET TO REFLECT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER EXPENDITURES OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SAID BUDGET WAS ADOPTED.' Councilmember Schimmel asked about the \$20,000 for the Columbia Theatre already being approved in the budget. Finance Director Brian Butterfield explained that the \$20,000 was approved during the theatre's second request after the original budget was adopted.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – KEDM Update-Chapter 3: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 11-3741, UPDATING CHAPTER 3 OF THE KELSO ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL.' David Sypher spoke about how the fire and rescue vehicles require streets to be wide enough to use and that this ordinance will apply new parking restrictions to some existing streets because they will not meet the new standards. Councilmember Schimmel asked if there will be a prior notice given to those affected if this ordinance passes. David said that it will be a slow process which will involve community input. Lengthy Discussion followed. Councilmembers Myers, Schimmel, McDaniel, Roberson and Fitcher voted yes. Councilmember Webb voted no. Motion carried 5 to 1.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) I have staff looking into the moratorium for medical marijuana gardens in the City of Kelso. 2) The Highlander Festival is only a few weeks away. It should be a great time. 3) The Old Highlander property is moving forward again. Jack in the Box will be the first to start building. 4) The Lodging Tax Funds request went out today. 5) I will be giving the "State of the City" speech on September 22, 2011 during lunch hour in the Cowlitz County Expo Center. Contact Shelly Timm if you are interested in attending. 6) The new owner of the building at 301 Oak is cleaning the place up. They are in the process of starting a deli or bar business downstairs and revamping the apartments upstairs. 7) I met with the DECA Club at the high school. They are planning another clean-up of the City. It is very exciting to work with this group of kids. 8) I have a group of people starting an "Adopt-a-Neighborhood" program for litter patrol. As time allows, we will have signs designed to support this program. I am very excited to see this start up and I look forward to seeing other groups start this program in their neighborhoods.

STAFF REPORTS:

David Sypher: 1) My staff found a 1992 Resolution that sets up the "Adopt-a-Street" program and there is a group that wants to take on the town. 2) The South Kelso Drive overlay project is complete. The lines will be painted on Thursday. The remaining road work for the year is the chip seal and the utility patching work. 3) We are still waiting for a comment from the FAA on the latest governance agreement for the airport. 4) The Airport Stop-Way Project is on hold due to an increase in the environmental work. The cost of the project was originally \$700,000. It will now be approximately \$1.2 million. It has been suggested by the State to approach this project in phases. The grant from the County was \$700,000 which was the proposed cost of the whole project. We will need to go back to the County for their permission to use the grant money to cover the first phase of two phases. The first phase will be the environmental work and the design work. 5) The project at the north end of the airport also requires environmental work. This project will cost approximately \$550,000 for land acquisition, storm water, wetland identification and delineation, and the drainage plan for the entire airport. This would facilitate tearing down hangars too close to the airspace and building other hangars. We will work hard to create an economical hangar area. Today we just received a tentative FAA review on the final acceptance for this project. 6) At the next council meeting, there will be a Consultant Stop-Way Agreement and a Consultant Environmental Agreement for your consideration. Councilmember Myers asked about the Paxton Reservoir project. David said they are right on schedule. They have completed the excavation and concrete work. By the end of the year, it will be substantially complete. By the end of next Fall, the landscaping will be complete.

Nancy Malone: No report.

Cindy Donaldson: I would like to welcome Gary Schimmel to the Library Board. 2) This year's Summer Reading Program has been the most successful year we've had in the 29 years that I have worked here. I think a lot of the reason for our success is our visible location at the mall. 3) Our circulation is up. We have more people using the computers and we have volunteers that offer to help everyday. 4) The Red Canoe Credit Union will start their mural project in the children's area this coming Monday. We will have a big party at the end of the month and I will make sure you all get invited. 5) The Fall Story Time program will start on September 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) The "National Night Out" event was an overwhelming success. We served all 1000 hotdogs. We had support and involvement from a number of agencies. Department of Fish and Wildlife brought their poaching trailer. Police Officers as well as people from the Records Department and Reserves helped out. Craig Christianson did an excellent job coordinating this event. 2) The entire police department will be undergoing Safe Schools Safety Drills and Firearms Training in conjunction with the School District and the Education School District 112. Two police officers have received national training with Safe School's policies and resources and State schools. All this training was funded by the Safe Schools Grant. 3) We have police officers taking vacations at this time and we are within our overtime guidelines.

Brian Butterfield: 1) The audit report is back from the auditor. Let me know if anyone would like a copy. 2) The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report has been audited and is now available to anyone who would like a copy. 3) The Month-End Financial Statements are in front of you. If you have any questions, please let me know. Mayor Fatcher asked about when to schedule the Biennial Budget Workshop. Brian said he can be ready with a summary by the first meeting in September.

With the Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher scheduled the Biennial Budget Workshop on September 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Traci Howard: We still have Highlander Buttons for sale. Don't forget to buy one.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: No Report.

Dan Myers: 1) The train depot was originally dedicated on February 12, 1912. The 100th Anniversary of the Grand Opening will be February 11, 2012. I would like us, as a group, to sponsor this event. Please start thinking about it. There will be more about it at the Highlander Festival.

Todd McDaniel: No Report.

James Webb: No Report.

Gary Schimmel: No Report.

David Fatcher: 1) I hit a home run on my 40th Birthday.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.



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