

Pastor Russ Teavis, Central Christian Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Fatcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor David Fatcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Fatcher, Lefebvre, Myers, Schimmel, Roberson, and Webb.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/30/11 Special Council Meeting, the 9/6/11 Special Council Workshop, and the 9/6/11 Regular Meeting.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Animal Control Contract - 2012**
2. **Contract Award - Waterline Replacement Project Construction**
3. **Closeouts** a) 2011 Citywide Overlay Project; b) CHAP Street Overlay Project
4. **Interlocal Agreements** a) Stormwater Retrofit and Water Quality Grant; b) Marketing, Public Education, Outreach – Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit Requirements
5. **Auditing of Accounts** \$2,358,379.50

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,358,379.50,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Bob P. Von Roch**, 419 Long Ave #7, spoke of the "West Kelso Clean-up" project. It took place on 9/17/2011. There were around a dozen people that helped out. Special thanks to Larry Alexander. He provided most of the equipment and tools that helped to get the job done. It was a lot of fun.

**Tim Goodman, Comcast Cable Manager Government Affairs**, gave a presentation of the Comcast "Internet Essentials" program. This program is designed to help increase broadband adoption and digital literacy among low income families. Starting the 2011-2012 school year, "Internet Essentials" will be available to certain households with children who are eligible for free lunches through the "National School Lunch Program". Discussion followed.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

With Council's consensus, Mayor Fatcher, appointed Councilmember Roberson to the alternate position vacated by John Karnofski on the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board.

**WALK-ON ITEM:**

**Airport Hangar Lease Agreement** Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Airport Hangar Lease Agreement.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Dennis Richards:** 1) The Teamster contract was just ratified through December 2013. It is good to have that behind us. 2) I will be at the "State of the City" luncheon on September 22, 2011. It will be held at the Cowlitz County Expo Center. 3) The Highlander Festival was last weekend. There were a lot of people having a lot of fun. I checked out the beer garden that was located next to the athletic events. It was fairly quiet with people watching the games. Councilmember Myers built a float for the parade. It was a replica of the Kelso Train Depot. He spent many hours working on it. Councilmember Roberson helped him with the clock. The replica is in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the depot's grand opening. 5) I will need 15 minutes in Executive Session about possible litigation.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** No report.

**David Sypher:** 1) The chip seal project was done last week. 2) The street light project starts tomorrow. 3) Thank you to Council for making the extra effort to consider and approve the walk-on item regarding the Airport Hangar Lease. Normally, this would be on the Consent Items. I was asked to bring it to Council tonight. 4) A big thank you to the people involved in the Highlander Festival. The Public Work's crew puts in extra time in setting up before the event and cleaning up afterwards. Mayor Futch asked if the Spray Park was still open. David Sypher said the Spray Park has been turned off for the season. Councilmember Roberson asked about the patched pot holes reemerging on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. He noticed that the repair work seemed to deteriorate after it rained. David Sypher said that water will always do that with pot holes when a street does not have an adequate drainage system.

**Nancy Malone:** 1) I have received inquiries about fast charging stations for electric cars. There is nothing in the Kelso Municipal Code regarding this type of facility. I spoke with David Sypher and I am looking toward updating our parking requirements to provide for fast charging stations. Cowlitz PUD has been contacted and Shari's Restaurant and the Riverway Plaza area are being considered for possible locations. We have not received any applications for these stations at this time. Discussion followed.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) Tonight was our first "Story Time" for the 2011 fall season. We had 20 parents and kids attending for their first time. 2) The "Friends of the Library"

sold \$600.00 worth of used books at the Highlander Festival. It was very successful. Thank you to all who bought books. 3) The "Friends of the Library" is having a breakfast fund raiser at Applebee's on October 15, 2011. The tickets are \$5.00 each and they are on sale at the library.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Officers have been busy with a recent assault incident up north. We are not getting much cooperation from some of the people involved, but we are working hard on getting to the bottom of it. 2) Everything went excellent at the Highlander Festival. There were no problems. Everyone had a good time. 3) This is one of our busier months. The overtime expenditures are relatively high. This is because of the training we did with the school system and the active gunmen program. Most of the overtime expense is covered by grants. Mayor Fatcher asked about the prognosis of the victim in the recent incident. Chief Hamilton said he was treated and released. There were shots fired but no one was hit.

**Brian Butterfield:** The August monthly financial statements have been handed out and if there are any questions, I will be happy to answer them. Mayor Fatcher asked about the revenue amount on the report. Brian Butterfield said the revenue is okay. It is where we expected it to be at this time.

**Traci Howard:** No report.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Kim Lefebvre:** I was at the Highlander Festival last weekend. I felt it went really great this year.

**Rick Roberson:** My hats off to the people involved in the planning of the Highlander Festival. It requires a lot of time and effort. It was a job well done.

**Dan Myers:** 1) The train depot float received a first prize award in the Highlander Festival parade. The float will be on display at the Kelso Train Depot until our "100 Year Anniversary of the Grand Opening" celebration on February 11, 2011. 2) CAP just sent out a press release. They have \$500,000 available for home rehabilitation loans. This money is for rehab assistance. It is provided as a deferred loan with no interest and no required monthly payments. The loan is paid at the time the property changes hands or is sold. This will allow people on fixed incomes to get needed repairs on their homes without added expenses. Contact CAP at 425-3430 ext 226 if you are interested. 3) I was at the Regional Information Forum a week ago. Beacon Hill Sewer District will have an 18% increase in water/sewer rates this year and a 15% increase the following year. We are fortunate we had enough foresight to have kept money in reserves for repairs. Be aware that we can not short change our water/sewer maintenance funding or we will be in trouble. 4) Negotiations have been completed with Greyhound. Beginning October 12, 2011, Greyhound will be using the Kelso Train Depot for its regular stop instead of

Holt's Market in Longview. Finance Director Brian Butterfield asked about Greyhound paying any rent. Councilmember Myers said there will be no Greyhound staff at the depot, but they are talking about having a locker there for Greyhound freight. He said we may get something for that.

**James Webb:** There has not been a Parks Department meeting since January this year. They have been very busy and short staffed. I received several emails regarding the City's capability to deploy the National Guard. I just wanted to point out that we are not able to do that. Councilmember Myers thanked the Parks Department for providing the pick-up that carried the float in the parade and Monte Salte for driving it.

**Gary Schimmel:** I brought the plaque that was dedicated to City of Kelso at the "Grand Reopening of the Senior Center" to show everyone. It will be put on display at the Senior Center. I also brought a "Golden Spoon Award" from the Senior Center. It is given to the people that had a significant contribution to the center's transformation. I am to give this award to Denny Richards.

**David Futcher:** The highlight of the Highlander Festival is that there will be 364 days before you have to see me wearing a kilt again.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council and City Attorney convened into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. The Executive session is expected to last approximately 15 minutes and no action will be taken. At 7:45 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:45p.m.

  
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CITY CLERK