

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, Myers, Lefebvre, McDaniel, Schimmel, Archer, and Roberson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 05/15/12 Regular Meeting, the 5/16/12, 9:00 a.m. Special Meeting, the 5/16/12, 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting, and the 5/18/12, 2:00 p.m. Special Meeting,' Mayor Futcher commented that the 5/16/12, 9:00 a.m. Special Meeting needs to be corrected to show that it was a special meeting and not an executive session. The motion to approve the minutes with the correction carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License Renewals:** a) Holt's Quick Check, 400 N. Pacific Ave., b) Target Stores, 205 Three Rivers Dr., c) Quick Stop Market, 500 Allen St.
2. **Appointment, Kelso Housing Authority:** Gary Nordin

Mayor Futcher asked if any items should be removed for separate consideration. Councilmember Myers requested to remove **Item No. 2 (Kelso Housing Authority Appointment)** from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately.

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item No. 2,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Michael Cowan, 420 Hazel Street, spoke about a 2009 Ordinance that changed certain zoning areas. He purchased a property prior to 2009 that was zoned as light industrial with a mini storage as a permitted use. He did not build on the property. He has placed this property on the market and just recently discovered that the 2009 Ordinance, which amended Title 16 & 17, changed what permitted uses were allowed in certain zones. Community Development Manager Nancy Malone commented that she has researched this issue and discovered that there is an inconsistency with what was passed by Council regarding this ordinance and what was approved by the Planning Commission. Ms. Malone will present this issue at the next Planning Commission Meeting on June 12th. Then she will consult with the city attorney to get this issue resolved. Lengthy discussion followed.

James Hill, 1100 N. 22nd Ave., spoke about a request regarding notification of any block party permits for the 1800 – 1900 blocks of Bloyd Street. In 2009 he came to Council and asked to be notified of future parties. He was not notified in 2010 and, as of this day, has not received any notification for 2012. He spoke against having a block party in this

area and would like to know if a 2012 block party permit has been received. Public Works Senior Engineer Mike Kardas said he will check to see if the Public Works Department received a right-of-way street closure application for that area and he will have someone get back to Mr. Hill the next day. Discussion followed.

Jon J. Uravish, 907 Oak St, spoke about a neighbor who has been verbally threatening him. Chief Hamilton commented that he will give Mr. Uravish his phone number so Mr. Uravish can contact him.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

(Continuation of the Consent Agenda (Item that was previously removed):

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Kelso Housing Authority Appointment.' Councilmember Myers commented on an article he read about setting a maximum salary for Housing Urban Development Executive Directors. A nationwide study showed that very excessive salaries are being paid to HUD Executive Directors. Since people acquire these positions through Council's approval, he would like to see an annual report on their activities. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Amending the Official Zoning Map: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY TO REFLECT THE CORRECT DESIGNATION OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF PROPERTY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Sewage Pre-Treatment: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, ADOPTING THE THREE RIVERS REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY DISCHARGE AND INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT POLICY AND AMENDING ORDINANCE 3678 AND CHAPTER 13.08 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE ADDITION OF NEW SECTIONS TO SAID CHAPTER TO BE DESIGNATED AS SECTIONS 13.08.155 AND 13.08.315 AND SHALL REPEAL SECTIONS 13.08.150, 13.08.310, 13.08.320, 13.08.330, AND 13.08.340,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 12-1063 – Adoption of the Cowlitz County Solid Waste Management Plan: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by

Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass Resolution No. 12-1063, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2011 COWLITZ COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MODERATE RISK HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 12-1064 – Imposing Planning Fees: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 12-1064, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO IMPOSING CERTAIN PLANNING FEES AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.' Councilmember Schimmel asked what a person does if they just want a sign permit. Ms. Malone commented that they would just need a building permit. It will still go through the planning review but it will not go through staff reports. This eliminates the planning fee. This resolution follows suit with all the other cities in the county. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 12-1065 – Amendment to the CIP 2012-2017: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Pass Resolution No. 12-1065, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF 2012-2017.' Councilmember Roberson asked if this will apply to city signs directing to the downtown area. Mr. Kardas said that that is exactly what this amendment is about. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Interfund Loan from the Water/Sewer Fund to the Arterial Street Fund: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE WATER/SEWER FUND TO THE ARTERIAL STREET FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN.' Councilmember Archer asked if the city has done this before. Finance Director Brian Butterfield said that this is a temporary transfer of funds. This is to cover the right-of-way phase of the West Main Realignment Project. Traditionally this is the most expensive part of the project because you have to have the money upfront to close on the acquired properties. The Arterial Street Fund cannot absorb those costs. This is a temporary loan until we get reimbursed. The project is expected to close by the end of the year. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Fletcher spoke about a meeting with County Commissioner Misner and Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Marcum regarding the **Cowlitz County Tourism Bureau**. Last year the City of Kelso Council approved \$60,000 to move the Tourism Center to the Three Rivers Mall. Instead of relocating the Tourism Center the Chamber of Commerce would like to replace the current temporary building at

Minor Road with a new temporary building. Mayor Futcher commented that the City of Kelso may be eligible for some state funding to get the storm drain system updated at the Minor Road site. Councilmember McDaniel commented that it would be good to go back to the Lodging Tax Committee to see what they would like to do with the \$60,000 now that the Tourism Center will not be relocated. Mr. Butterfield commented that the \$60,000 appropriation lapsed at year end. Because it was in the 2011 Budget it would have to go back to the Lodging Tax Committee for approval. Then we would need to amend the budget.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) During the last month I have been keeping up with the usual contracts brought to me from the departments, I have been active with the public, I have been working on a couple of union issues, and I have been assisting with the search for the city manager position. 2) I attended the 'Operation Boss Lift' event in Idaho. It was conducted by the Boise and Washington National Guards. It is the National Guard's way of thanking the employers for their part-time soldiers. Officer Ralph Hines is stationed in Boise on active military duty at this time. 3) We are preparing for the, 'National Night Out,' which is an annual event. It will be held on the first Tuesday of August. Officer Christianson coordinates this event. It is a community safety awareness event for people of all ages. There will be a lot more things to see this year.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report. Mayor Futcher commented that there will be an executive session tonight regarding a union negotiation issue and an employment issue.

Mike Kardas: No report.

Nancy Malone: 1) I attended the Washington Revitalization Conference last week where I made some good contacts. Unfortunately, no one from the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association attended. I am anxious to share what I have learned at the conference with the KDRA. 2) We have issued 29 building permits this last month.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) We are getting ready for our, 'Dream Big READ,' summer reading program. Kick off is June 18th. My goal before June 18th is to visit every class room in the Kelso School District. We are hoping for a good turn out. Volunteers are welcome.

Chief Andrew Hamilton: 1) Patrol has been busy as usual. We are minus a couple of officers due to sick leave and military leave. Detectives are keeping busy. 2) We continue to benefit from the Department of Corrections Officers we house in the police department. They assist the patrol officers in the field. 3) We are in partnership with the school district in the 'Active Shooter Training' program which is scheduled next month and the 'Every 15 Minutes' program which we just wrapped up. Officer Craig

Christianson was the coordinator for that. He did a wonderful job. 4) I attended the 'Active Shooter Training' course for Burlington Northern Santa Fe. The instructor was Kirk Wiper, from the Kelso Police Department, who took the temporary position as the instructor with the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. He is recognized as the lead firearm instructor in the state. He is one example that shows the quality of people that we have in Kelso.

Brian Butterfield: We have the state auditors in the finance department. They are planning to be here for the whole month of June.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Dan Myers: As the president of the Kelso Depot Volunteers, I would like to announce that we are having our annual meeting on June 11, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the basement of the train depot. If anyone is interested in any of the activities we do, I encourage you to join us.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Gary Archer: I attended the Government Summit. They discussed raising the county garbage rates. They also discussed combining agencies like the police departments and libraries. It was discussed to have Veteran Services be relocated across from the Kelso City Hall.

Todd McDaniel: The CUBS Board is looking into the possibility of extending the bus hour schedule. The board received a letter from a citizen requesting to have the bus schedule extended into the evening.

Gary Schimmel: 1) I recently attended the 911 Coordinating Council Meeting. The topic was about changing the rates. After discussion they decided to keep the rates the same this year. 2) I attended the Government Summit. They did discuss consolidating the agencies, but I see the police and the libraries already working as partners and supporting each other when needed. Even through staff reductions this community, in general, is doing a great job supporting each other.

Kim Lefebvre: 1) I went to the Three Rivers Mall recently with my daughter. We ate at the new restaurant. It is called La Herencia. The food and the service were very good. 2) I had a flier on my door from the Grace Bible Fellowship. I decided to check them out. When I went there I saw a great big dumpster they use when they do clean up work around Kelso. It is really nice that they help keep Kelso clean. Thank you to Grace Bible Fellowship.

David Futcher: I spoke to the mall manager earlier tonight. She said she had some announcements. She would like to coordinate the announcements around the Three Rivers Mall 25 year anniversary and will let us know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. to discuss a labor negotiation issue. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 10 minutes. The city attorney was present. The Council reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

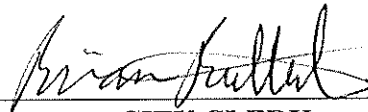
Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Authorize the signature for the Kelso Police Association Labor Contract.' Councilmembers McDaniel, Schimmel, Lefebvre, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers Archer and Myers voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss an employment issue. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 10 minutes. The city attorney was present. The Council reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:19 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



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