

Pastor Mike Speegle, Journey Seventh Day Adventist 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, Lefebvre, McDaniel, Schimmel, Archer, and Roberson. Councilmember Myers was absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/18/12 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October, 2012, to be "**World Habitat Month**" in the City of Kelso. Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Diane Perron and Board Secretary Hillary Orr accepted the award. Ms. Perron commented that there will be a 'Home Blessing' event in Kelso on October 7, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The home is located at 1504 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. This house was donated by the City of Kelso in January and will soon become the home for a family of six. She commented that it is because of donations and support like Kelso's that Habitat for Humanity can continue to make it possible for people to build homes for families in the communities of Cowlitz County.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October, 2012, to be "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" in the City of Kelso.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue** Lieutenant Jason Sanders spoke of the "**Fill the Boot**" fundraiser. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue raised over \$7,900 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Lieutenant Sanders presented a check on behalf of the Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue, Local 3828, and the citizens of Kelso, Longview, and Cowlitz County to MDA Executive Director Linda Alexander. Ms. Alexander commented that the MDA has had a relationship with the International Association of Fire Fighters since 1954. She said that with this money MDA will be able to send 10 children to summer camp. She commented that, under Lieutenant Sander's leadership, there will be another drive to raise money before the end of the year.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Liquor License Application** – Hickory Hogs BBQ, 310 South Pacific Ave.
2. **Contract Award** – Holt Services, Inc., Mill Street Test Well
3. **Contract Renewal** – Wallis Engineering, Professional Services Contract

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Mike Speegle**, 218 Leif Drive, spoke from the audience in favor of banning tobacco use in city parks.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading):** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 12.20 TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS.' Councilmember Schimmel asked about the designated areas being only in the parking areas. Public Works Director David Sypher commented that, at this time, the parking areas are the only designated areas. Councilmember Roberson commented that even though people who smoke help pay for the parks, it would be prudent for them to only smoke in designated areas due to the potential exposure of second hand smoke. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** 1) I appreciate the feedback that was provided by Council at the budget workshop. 2) The Association of Washington Cities Regional Meeting will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at the Expo Center. If you would like to participate, contact my assistant, Shelly Timm, and she will get you a reservation. 3) I had the opportunity to meet with our three 19<sup>th</sup> District Legislators, Senator Brian Hatfield and Representatives Dean Takko and Brian Blake. I took this opportunity to obtain some feedback regarding legislative issues and priorities. We spoke about the restoration of liquor revenues. I relayed to them that we joined the challenge on the NPDES Stormwater Phase II Regulations and Implementation. We spoke about various issues relating to infrastructure and future capital projects. We will be bringing additional legislative information to the Council prior to the Legislature Session in 2013. Hopefully, we can participate in the discussions that Longview has on their legislative agenda, and have something to bring forward for Council to consider. Mayor Fitcher asked about a meeting arrangement with Senator Hatfield to discuss the legislative agenda prior to the 2013 Legislature Session. Mr. Taylor said that Longview schedules an event in December that provides the opportunity to meet with the legislators. He said that he will get more information about the event so that Council will have an opportunity to do that.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Janean Parker:** There were new standards adopted by the Washington Supreme Court earlier this year for Indigent Defense Services. It will be in effect on September 1, 2013. This may have an impact on our budget because it will limit the caseload for public defenders. The City of Kelso's caseload is above that limit. There may need to be some additional funds applied to this area in case a second public defense attorney is required. To lessen the budgetary impact, the new standards allow you to develop a weighting system. This system will allow you to weight the cases together that do not require a lot of the attorney's time so those cases can be counted as one case. I will report back to you as I here more about the weighting system. Councilmember McDaniel commented about Seattle decriminalizing the Driving While Suspended offense. Ms. Parker said that some cities are decriminalizing offenses or doing diversion programs where they do not charge certain kinds of crimes and put them straight into a diversion program. Discussion followed.

**David Sypher:** 1) Thank you for passing the items in the consent agenda. One item was for our new test well. This will ensure we continue our vigilance on having a decent water supply. 2) The Catch Basin Cleaning Program is complete as of last Friday. 3) The crew is very busy trying to button things up for the winter. They are very thankful for the extended summer weather.

**Nancy Malone:** The condemned house at 404 Burcham St. is now secure. We do not have to worry about any unauthorized person entering it.

**Cindy Donaldson:** 1) We are busy with our fall children's reading program and our book discussions. 2) Altrusa will be participating in the October 27, 2013, "Make a Difference Day" event, by holding a library fair at the Kelso Public Library that day. 3) Our Cowlitz County Libraries are busy with a winter adult reading program in which all of the libraries are going to participate. If you are a reader, I hear there are some great prizes involved in this program.

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) The officers were very busy last week. I am not sure if the full moon had anything to do with it. There were a number of major incidents in the County and the City that have kept our officers very busy. 2) Hunting season is approaching and our patrol shifts are running a little lean. We still have one officer out on sick leave. 3) All in all, everything is going well.

**Brian Butterfield:** No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Rick Roberson:** 1) I believe we got a favorable report from CUBS on getting a bus stop at the train station. 2) The Transit Authority will be getting new buses and is now working on a getting a place to put them. Councilmember McDaniel commented that the Transit Authority sent out a proposal for a Transportation Facility Plan. They will be

getting six new buses by next year and there is not enough room at the city shop in Longview for them.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: I would like to say thank you to the Barnes Elementary School AmeriCorps Program for the invitation to read at their RIF Day/Literacy Night. It really helps the children. I had a really good time.

Todd McDaniel: There is a Lodging Advisory Tax Committee meeting scheduled for October 3, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., here in the City of Kelso Council Chambers.

Gary Archer: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Council convened into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss real property acquisition. The Executive session is expected to last approximately five minutes and no action will be taken. The attorney was present.

At 7:35 p.m. Council reconvened into Regular Session

At 7:36 p.m. Council convened into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately fifteen minutes and no action will be taken. The attorney was present.

At 7:51 Attorney Janean Parker announced that the Council would remain in Executive Session approximately five minutes longer.

At 7:56 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

  
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CITY CLERK