

Pastor Dave Davis, Salvation Army, 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, Myers, Archer, Roberson, and McDaniel. Councilmember Schimmel was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/05/13 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Waste Control: Waste Control Manager Ken Young gave a presentation about their waste collection services. He commented that customer service is the primary service that Waste Control has to offer and that Waste Control takes the partnership with the City of Kelso very seriously. Waste Control monitors the recycling centers Monday through Friday. He commented that the county landfill will reach its capacity before the end of the year, but the good news is that the new landfill location will have over a 100 year capacity.

South Kelso Railroad Crossing Study: David Evans & Associates Vice President Tom Walsh gave a power point presentation of the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Study Project. The purpose of the study was to give the City a safe and feasible railroad crossing option that will accommodate the installation of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad third rail. Four alternate options were proposed. After a public meeting in April 2012 and four meetings with a formed stakeholder group, the general concurrence was that option No. 2, the Hazel Street Overcrossing Project, was the preferred option. The next steps are to complete a report and documentation, coordinate with the High Speed Rail Project, which will be completed by 2017, and seek regional support and funding.

Kelso Housing Authority: Executive Director Marion Olmsted spoke of the services and the housing that the KHA provides. In 1998 the KHA purchased the Chinook and the Columbia Apartments. The apartments now provide shelter plus supported services for chronically mentally ill citizens. She spoke of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program which is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program provides housing opportunities to extremely low income citizens. There are 281 vouchers currently serving Kelso families and, at this time, there is a waiting list that extends out to 2 years.

Library Annual Report: Library Manager Cindy Donaldson gave a power point presentation. She briefed Council on the library activities and events for the last year. Through donations from the Red Canoe and the 'Friend's of the Library,' the Library

provides a teen center, an adult center, and a children's center. She commented that last year's statistics showed the library circulated over 75,000 books and library materials and that 722 brand new library cards were issued. She commented that the library computer center is busy with patrons from opening until closing. There will be 2 more computers installed in 2013. The library has logged over 1000 volunteer hours in 2013. She commented that the library is in partnership with the Lower Columbia Community Action Program, the Columbia Theatre, the Missoula Children's Theatre and the Three Rivers Mall.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License New Applications:** a) Sora Sushi Restaurant, 503 Allen Street, b) Gyros Gyros of Kelso, 351 Three Rivers Drive, Suite 205
2. **Liquor License Special Occasion:** a) B.P.O. Elks Kelso Lodge #1482/Lady of Elks, 900 Ash Street
3. **Liquor License Renewals:** a) Daily Store, 1012 North Pacific Avenue, b) Sunrise Market, 1215 South 6th Avenue, c) Chuck E. Cheese's, 351 Three Rivers Drive
4. **Closeout:** a) CDBG Planning Grant, b) Talley Way Paving Project
5. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 1,837,059.14 – January 2013 / February 2013

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,837,059.14,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Property Acquisition Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Property Acquisition of the Furniture World Property,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Amending KMC 12.20 Parks: 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 CHAPTER 12.20 KMC PARK CODE TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR ANIMAL WASTE AND NOISE, AMEND FIREARM PROVISIONS, AND AMEND SMOKING PROHIBITION TO INCLUDE CANNABIS.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Credit Card Use: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF

KELSO, WASHINGTON ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 2.94 TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE USE OF CITY-ISSUED CREDIT CARDS BY CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Interfund Loan: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM OTHER CITY FUNDS TO THE ARTERIAL STREET FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 13-3792 – KMC 2.04 City Council: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 13-3792, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE 2.04 CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE MEETING TIME FOR REGULAR MEETINGS AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN COUNCIL PROCEDURES.’ Councilmembers Futcher, Myers, Lefebvre, Roberson, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmember Archer voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

Resolution No. 13-1080 – SW 7th Avenue Street Vacation: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Pass Resolution No. 13-1080’ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, INITIATING THE PROCESS TO VACATE PORTIONS OF 7TH AVENUE, FORMERLY 7TH STREET TO THE ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution – Travel Reimbursement Policy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Pass Resolution’ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING EMPLOYEE TRAINING AND REIMBURSING CITY OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE TRAVELING ON CITY BUSINESS; AND REPEALING PREVIOUSLY-ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS REGARDING THE SAME.’ Councilmember Myers commented on a clerical discrepancy on Exhibit A of the proposed ordinance. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Table the motion to pass the Resolution on 1st Reading.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) - : 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 2013 BUDGET TO REFLECT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER EXPENDITURES OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SAID BUDGET WAS ADOPTED,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) He commented that the departmental reports were distributed tonight to Council for their review. A request has been received from a councilmember that these reports are to be sent electronically. This will be done by the end of the week. 2) He reminded Council and staff that the WCIA Elected Officials Training program is on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held here in the council chambers. 3) He attended the Association of Washington Cities Conference along with the City of Kelso Senior Engineer Mike Kardas and Cowlitz Wahkiakum of Governments Transportation Manager Rosemary Siipola where they met with the 19th District Legislators. Funding of \$900,000 was requested for the environmental clearance documents that would move the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project forward. Other items discussed were amendments to the Public Records Act, the expanded use of Lodging Tax dollars, and the restoration of liquor revenue funding. All of these items are moving forward in a positive direction.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Rick Roberson: 1) He commented the Cowlitz Economic Development Council is moving forward with promoting businesses to the area. 2) The Cowlitz Transportation Authority is working on a new express route that extends from Ocean Beach Hwy to the Three Rivers Mall. He commented that the CTA is also working on a new route in Kelso.

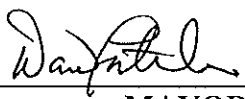
Dan Myers: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

David Futcher: Commented that George Hext is the new Airport Manager.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.



MAYOR



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