

Kelso City Council
6:00 P.M.

June 26, 2007
Special Meeting

Mayor Gregory opened the Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Chester, Futcher, Karnofski, McDaniel, and Wheeler.

Resolution No. 07-941 – Consideration of Separation Agreement and Letter of Resignation of Douglas K. Robinson and Appointing Paul Brachvogel Acting City Manager: Mayor Gregory stated Doug Robinson announced on Friday, June 22, 2007, that he would be stepping down as City Manager due to health issues. As an employee of the City of Kelso, Doug has sick leave hours which he will use through November 29. At that time he will retire. The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve Resolution No. 07-941 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, REMOVING DOUGLAS K. ROBINSON AS CITY MANAGER AND APPOINTING PAUL A. BRACHVOGEL AS ACTING CITY MANAGER.' Mayor Gregory stated the Kelso Charter requires the successor to be an administrator of the City. Mayor Gregory read the entire Resolution and Doug's Letter of Resignation.

The following people spoke from the audience:

Larry Peterson
Rod Wright

Motion carried, all voting yes.

Council discussion followed. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel announced the Community Development Director position has been filled and he will be coming on board soon.

The following people spoke from the audience:

Shelby Gourd
Rob Toney
Alex Countouriotis

Finance Goals Budget Discussion for 2008: *Stricken from the Agenda*

Legal Goals Budget Discussion for 2008: *Stricken from the Agenda*

Library Goals Budget Discussion for 2008: *Stricken from the Agenda*

Councilmember Slater arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Adopting Updated IBC Codes: The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF

THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC CHAPTER 15.03 TO ADOPT THE 2006 EDITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 07-3648 – Establish Utility Easement on City of Kelso Parcel #24087 Adjacent to 2510 Talley Way (Storedahl): The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Chester and seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 07-3648, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO GRANTING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT TO J. L. STOREDAHL & SONS AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

SR-432 Project: Jerry Sorrell, Part-time Civil Engineer for the City of Kelso. spoke about the project, giving history and current updates.

Lengthy Council discussion followed.

H. Randy Sweet, 415 N. 3rd, Kalama, representing the Longview Wye Partnership, spoke from the audience.

Further discussion followed.

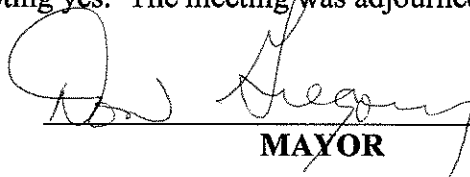
Consideration of Separation Agreement and Letter of Resignation of Douglas K. Robinson: Upon motion by Councilmember Futchter and seconded by Councilmember Chester, 'Authorize Paul Brachvogel to sign the Separation Agreement between the City of Kelso and Douglas K. Robinson,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Consideration of Employment Contract Between Paul Brachvogel and City of Kelso: Mayor Gregory stated this contract is for Paul's position as City Attorney. The contract also addresses the interim period while Paul is acting as City Manager. Due to a conflict of interest since Paul has written the contract, his suggestion was for the Council to appoint a committee of three Councilmembers to look over the contract and bring it back to the next council meeting. It was also Paul's suggestion that the City should retain outside council to represent the City and the City Council during this interim period. It was the consensus of the Council to form a committee of three Councilmembers to discuss the contract with Paul. Councilmembers McDaniel, Futchter, and Chester volunteered to be on the committee.

Interim City Manager Brachvogel will contact Prothman and Associates and Waldron and Associates to get prices to begin the search for a new City Manager. In is anticipated there will be some town hall meetings to invite citizens to discuss their concerns.

David Sypher: Due to the process delays that have caused so many contractors and developers to be angry with the City, David stated he would like to have the new subdivision ordinance prepared and the process and procedure items completed before the new Community Development Director comes on board. It was the consensus of the Council to put this on the next Council agenda.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher and seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Move to Adjourn,' motion carried, all voting yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK