

Chaplain Steve White, Kelso Police Department, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Slater, Myers, McDaniel, Maella, and Roberson. Councilmember Karnofski was absent from the meeting.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Slater, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/21/09 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 10 through May 16, 2009, as **National Police Week** in the City of Kelso. Chaplain White accepted the proclamation and spoke about the courageous men and women who put their lives on the line every day. Flags will be flown at half staff on May 15th, Peace Officers Memorial Day, in an effort to publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers and honor fallen officers and their families.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 2009 as **Mental Health Month** in the City of Kelso. Eric Yakovich, a representative of Cowlitz County Guidance Association and Lower Columbia Mental Health Center accepted the proclamation and spoke about mental health problems being preventable and treatable.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 2009 as **Older Americans Month** in the City of Kelso. Residents are urged to take the time to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and people who care for them.

PRESENTATIONS:

Congratulations to the Futcher-Henry CPA Group for being named Small Business of the Year by the Longview-Kelso Chamber of Commerce.

Planning Commission Appreciation: Mayor Futcher presented a plaque to **Tim Sparks** in appreciation of his dedicated service on the Planning Commission from January 2004 to March 2009.

Visitor Center Update: **Connie Parson**, Director of the Kelso Visitor Center, introduced Lois Sigurdson, and thanked her for over ten years of service at the Visitor Center. Visitor counts are up with approximately 1200 people visiting the center this year. High school students working on their senior community service projects made some improvements at the Visitor Center. Work Source will be doing some free labor to make some additional improvements. Councilmembers were thanked for keeping the Kelso Visitor Center up and running.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Tedine Roos, 1428 9th Ave., Longview, a representative of All Aboard Washington, spoke about the Pioneer Train Restoration. Some information from the Pioneer Restoration Organization website was given to Councilmembers. National Train Day will be celebrated Saturday, May 9th, at the Kelso Depot.

Joe Willis, 1150 3rd Ave., Longview, of Waste Control, thanked Public Works Director David Sypher and Councilmembers for the time they have spent on solid waste issues. The Willis Family invited Councilmembers and staff to join them for Dinner at the Dump celebrating the dedication of the public-private partnership of the Solid Waste System on Friday, June 5, at 6:00 p.m.

Paul Youmans, 2728 Florida, Longview, Director of Pathways 2020, thanked the City of Kelso for their support and handed Councilmembers and staff the Cowlitz County Community Report Card. The Cowlitz County Trails Maps are now available and copies will be given to the Kelso Visitor Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. LTAC Funding Request, Certified Brochure Distribution - Certified Folder Display Service, Inc.
2. Liquor License Renewals: 1) Red Lobster #700, 203 Three Rivers Drive, 2) Cliff's Hilltop Market, 604 Burcham Street North
3. Yew Street Consultant Award – OTAK, Inc.
4. 2009 Waterline Program Consultant Award – Gibbs & Olson, Inc.
5. Close Out for Construction of Metal Pole Building at City shop – Columbia Steel Construction, \$62,836.47

Councilmember Malella requested **removing items 3 and 4 from the consent agenda.** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the remaining items,' motion carried, all voting yes.

(Item #3) Yew Street Consultant Award – OTAK, Inc., not to exceed \$319,159:

Public Works Director Sypher said this project is identified in both the City's Six year Transportation Program and Capital Improvement Program. Yew Street is deteriorating. The pavement condition is extremely poor and drainage is an ongoing problem. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Yew Street Project.' The total balance of the federal portion is approximately \$400,000 requiring a City match of approximately \$54,000. Staff time on the project will qualify as part of the match amount. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

(Item #4) 2009 Waterline Program Consultant Award – Gibbs & Olson, Inc., not to exceed \$192,500: Public Works Director Sypher said he is extremely pleased with the offer from Gibbs & Olson. This represents the first part of the project which does not include the reservoir. Upon motion by Councilmember Malella, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the execution of the consultant contract with Gibbs & Olson, Inc.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 09-996 – Planning Fee Schedule Changes: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-996, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO IMPOSING CERTAIN PLANNING FEES AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN.' This resolution would lower the sign fees and implement a change in a sign face fee. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 09-997 – Support to Restore the Pioneer Train: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass Resolution No. 09-997, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO IN SUPPORT OF AMTRAK AND ITS EFFORTS TO RESTORE ITS PIONEER TRAIN ALONG THE SEATTLE-PORTLAND-DENVER ROUTE.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Policy for Speed Hump Installation: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass on 1st Reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR SPEED HUMP INSTALLATION AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF SUCH INSTALLATION IN THE CITY, AND AMENDING THE CITY'S ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL TO INCLUDE SAID POLICY.' Public Works Director Sypher said there has been a lot of discussion about speed humps. Many citizens have requested speed humps to make city streets safer due to an increase in traffic volumes and speed.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) There will be a stormwater workshop June 2nd beginning at 6:00 p.m. 2) Some young people from local churches will be doing some volunteer clean-up work around the city during service week. 3) We are getting the depot ready for the National Train Day event on Saturday.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: Councilmember McDaniel asked for an update concerning the use of lodging tax money for the study at the Expo Center. Janean has researched the issue and reported that the hotel taxes have to be used for promoting tourism. If the planning efforts the county is going to undertake would result in tourism promotion within the City of Kelso, there shouldn't be a problem using the funds on the planning effort. The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee needs to determine if the funds are being used for general economic development or specifically for tourism development. City Manager Richards said the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will meet on May 12th at 3:00 p.m.

David Sypher: 1) The 240 Paxton Road offer was accepted and we will move forward with the purchase. Mayor Futcher said these parcels on Paxton Road are being purchased to put in a large reservoir in that area of the city. 2) Spoke about the Cross Connection Control Report for 2008 that can be found on the Kelso website. 3) Councilmember Myers noticed a sink hole at the west end of the Cowlitz Way Bridge, on the south side of the road.

Michael Kerins: Gave an update of the issues on Cedar Falls Drive. There is a stream at the bottom at the south end of those lots. Two of the lots have had fill material slide down into the stream area. We solicited cooperation from the contractor, but nothing happened so Washington State Fish & Wildlife and the Department of Ecology have been contacted.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) Book discussion groups are going well so we have extended it another month. A book called *The Heat of the Moon* can be picked up at the Kelso Library if you want to participate. 2) Weekly story time ended last week. 3) Our Cowlitz County group is gearing up for the summer reading program called "Be Creative at Your Library."

Andrew Hamilton: 1) The Civil Service held a one-day promotional exam for Captain and Sergeant positions. 2) The Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs Law Enforcement Management Assistant Program completed a two-day pier review of the entire department. 3) Spoke about National Police Week and some of the memorials to Kelso Patrolman Frank Konen who was shot and killed in the line of duty on March 27, 1948.

Brian Butterfield: The auditors will be arriving the week of May 18th.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Alan Slater: No report

Dan Myers: 1) The All Aboard Washington meeting was well attended and training will begin soon. 2) Citizens are encouraged to attend National Train Day at the depot on

Saturday, March 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Applications for train station volunteers will be available at the depot during the event.

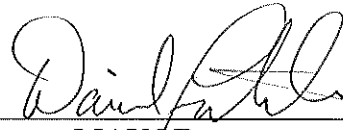
Rick Roberson: No report

Gerald Malella: No report

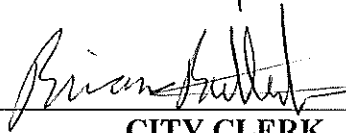
Todd McDaniel: I attended a Cubs meeting last week. In June, Cubs will receive their first payment with the tax increase. It's the one entity of government that has the potential to triple their money in the next few years.

David Futcher: No report

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



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