

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, McDaniel, Webb, Karnofski, Schimmel, Roberson, and Myers.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 7/05/11 Regular Meeting,' motion carried all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT A SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:

Mayor Futcher opened the Public Hearing at 7:01p.m. Public Works Director David Sypher discussed that each year the City is required to adopt a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. The plan has been updated to match the capital improvement program. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Futcher closed the Public Hearing at 7:02p.m.

PRESENTATION:

Executive Director of the Columbia Theatre Jian Morelli gave a power point presentation. He spoke of the value the theatre adds to the community. The theatre is the largest performing arts center in Southwest Washington. It draws in quality entertainment. It collaborates with schools in offering affordable entertainment and scholarships. He spoke of the marketing that is spent in Kelso and discussed the theatre's returns on investments. Columbia Theatre Development Director Michelle Musso spoke of the financial value that the theatre gives to the community. Glenys Hill, a board member of the Columbia Theatre, spoke of their commitment to grow the audience through advertising and affordable entertainment. Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Airport Hanger Lease Agreements**
2. **Ross Street – Pipe Bursting Closeout**
3. **Ross Street – Sink Hole Closeout**
4. **Kennedy Jenks Consultant Contract**
5. **LTAC Funding Request – Columbia Theatre**
6. **Auditing of Accounts: \$2,775,145.70**

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,775,145.70,' motion carried all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Jim N. Hill, 1100 N 2nd Ave, spoke of the City's fireworks ordinance. He handed out a petition signed by Kelso residents who are in favor of modifying the restrictions for the use of fireworks and doubling existing fines for violations.

Leigh McKeirnan, 146 S. Vista Way, spoke of selling the trust land owned by the city to the Columbia Land Trust. Mayor Fletcher stated if the Columbia Land Trust made an offer, a sale would be considered.

Linda Curry, 253 Crescent Dr, spoke of advertising our cool and rainy weather as a tourist attraction.

Walter Pistor, a member on the board of directors and finance committee of the Columbia Theatre, spoke of the Columbia Theatre being a major attraction to the community.

Diana Loback, 196 Owl Creek Rd, thanked the councilmembers for their support of the Columbia Theatre.

Retha Porter, a patron of the Columbia Theatre, spoke of how the hospital uses the Columbia Theatre as a tool when recruiting physicians to the area. She said that studies show that patrons of the arts tend to spend more money.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 11-1048 – ADOPT A SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2012-2017): The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 11-1048, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONTSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.' Motion carried all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 11-3747 – BUDGET REVISION #2 FOR THE 2011 FISCAL YEAR:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 11-3747, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2011 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:

Dennis Richards: 1) The local churches have been working very hard to improve the Kelso Rotary Skate Park. There was some landscaping done, cleaning up of litter and restroom repair due to vandals. Their hard work is appreciated. 2) Last week I met with the City of Longview's Police Chief, and City Manager, the County Sheriff, and Kelso's Police Chief regarding the labor dispute at the EGT Grain Elevator. The situation has settled down at this time, so we are no longer needed as back up for Cowlitz County and the City of Longview's law enforcement. 3) I was glad to see the police officers diligently looking for illegal fireworks activities on the Fourth of July. Mayor Fatcher spoke of the "Adopt a Street Program" for picking up litter. He would like to know if this program is still active. Dennis said he would check into it and let the mayor know.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report.

David Sypher: 1) I received verbal news that the airport will receive a \$100,000 Grant for the Airport Runway Extension Project from the Department of Transportation. 2) The 2011 Overlay Project was completed today. The Kelso Drive overlay, which is a CHAP project, will begin next week. We are currently working on the crosswalk-painting program. 3) The water treatment plant has received the Silver Award from the Department of Health. This is the fifth year in a row. We are ranked in the top 3 % of water quality in the State of Washington. Kudos to Paul Reeb and Monte Salte for their diligent work in providing us with top quality water. An award presentation will be given on August 16, 2011, at the regular council meeting. Councilmember McDaniel asked about the features at the Spray Park, they are not all working. David said they have received the piece to fix the one that is not working and it should be fixed next week.

Nancy Malone: No report.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) We have over 300 kids signed up for the summer reading program so far. 2) Last week was *Hula and Ukuleles* at the library. It was a lot of fun. 3) Today we had over 65 kids and parents attend our *One World Mini Stories* puppet show. 4) Our Grand Finale Picnic will be held on July 26, 2011, at 6:00p.m., at the Longview Public Library. This event is open to the public. There will be free hotdogs, chips and punch. The group "Paradise of Samoa" will be entertaining us with music and fire dancers. 5) The Cowlitz County Fair Parade is on July 28, 2011, at 10:00a.m. Library kids from Kelso and other cities will be dressed in costumes and marching in the parade. That is our final program for the summer. 6) Amy Davis, from the Red Canoe Credit Union, came in the library today and scheduled Aug 22nd to begin the mural they are donating. Included in their donation are kid's toys and a couple of new computers.

Darr Kirk: 1) National Night Out is on Aug 2, 2011, and everyone is invited. The officers are working very hard and have received a lot of donations for this event. 2) We are working with minimum staffing due to summer vacations. We have had to replace our proactive activities with calls to service. 3) Have a safe summer.

Brian Butterfield: 1) I am happy to report that the audit is over and we received a clean audit opinion. This is the third year in a row with no management letter comments and no findings. 2) The June monthly financial statements have been handed out and if there are any questions, I will be happy to answer them. 3) There will be a reception for Carol Bradbury on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 4:30p.m., in the council chambers. She is retiring after 9 years of service. Please help us celebrate her contributions to the city. She was a great employee. Councilmember Myers gave Brian commendations for his performance on the audit.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

John Karnofski: 1) Due to my new job and changes in my life, I am resigning from the City Council effective tonight. Mayor Fatcher told John that we appreciate what he has done and he will definitely be missed. Councilmember McDaniel asked if we need to do any redistricting due to the size of the west district population. Brian Butterfield said his research showed that we would not be required to, but if we did, we would have to amend the charter and it is too late to amend the charter this year. John asked if it would be an open precinct if no west district resident applied for the position. Brian said you can appoint someone to fill in for you from another precinct but come election time that may be an issue.

Rick Roberson: The East Hills Alliance has been working on the landscaping and the clean up at the skate park. I take my hat off to people that see something that needs to be done and then takes care of it. Mayor Fatcher thanked Rick for taking the lead on another landscaping project. He gave a thank you to East Hills Alliance for adopting the skate park and said that parks are only going to survive by participation of the public.

Dan Myers: 1) I went to the beach over the Fourth of July. I watched a nearby private showing of fireworks that happened to catch the neighbor's lawn on fire. I helped put the fire out. I recognize the fact that there is always fire danger when using fireworks. 2) I noticed all the leaf debris in the street gutters along 3rd Ave. With my hands and my leaf blower, I cleaned it up. The street sweepers do not get to a lot of the residential streets. I would like to encourage people to keep their streets clear of debris by doing the same.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

James Webb: No report.

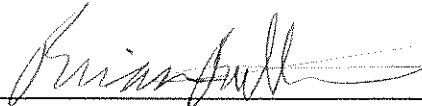
Gary Schimmel: 1) No one has brought up anything about the marijuana moratorium issue. I was wondering if there is going to be any meetings about it in Kelso. Mayor Futcher said he received a call from the newspaper asking the same question. His reply to them was that he was not picking a side at this time, because the state and city regulations were not clear enough. He asked the councilmembers if they would like to discuss this topic tonight. There being no response, Mayor Futcher suggested that if the councilmembers see anything arise in Kelso regarding this matter, contact the District Attorney.

David Futcher: 1) We approved a budget last year for 2011-2012 and we need to consider if we want to continue on the same path we charted for last year. Brian Butterfield pointed out that we are required to do a mid-biennial review for the budget but we might need to wait until after the first of September. Mayor Futcher said he would like to schedule a workshop for our local legislative priorities. A brief discussion followed and it was decided that a workshop for legislative goal setting will be scheduled for August 16, 201, at 6:00 p.m., in the council chambers, before the regular council meeting. The budget workshop will be scheduled at a later date.

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



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