

Pastor Dave Grauer, Gloria Dei Lutheran 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, Archer, Roberson, Schimmel, Myers, Lefebvre, and McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/21/12 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring September, 2012, as "National Recovery Month" in the City of Kelso. Drug Abuse Prevention Center Executive Director Gus Nolte accepted the proclamation. Mr. Nolte invited every one to join in on the 'Discover Recovery Walk.' It will be held September 29, 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lake Sacajawea. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. under the Lion's Club covered shelter. It is a free event. There will be resource booths that will provide materials for those and their families who suffer from addiction and mental illness. He commented that the purpose of this walk is to increase substance abuse awareness and to promote the message that addictions and mental health are treatable and recovery is possible.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Airport Lease Agreement** – Brian Habersetzer, Hangar A4

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

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 12-3774 – Clarifying Engineering Division Responsibilities: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 12-3774, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 2.48.020(A) AND ORDINANCE 2972 SECTION 4.C.1 TO INCLUDE STREET CLOSURE PERMIT ADMINISTRATION TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: I am honored to be here. Thank you for your decision on allowing me this opportunity as the City of Kelso City Manager. I look forward to serving the citizens of Kelso in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. I would like to thank the staff and

the department heads. I have been working with them over the last several months during my transition here. I especially want to thank Chief Hamilton for his leadership in serving as the Interim City Manager. We are hitting the ground running. We have a budget to pass. We have the legislative targets for 2013 that were designated by Council at the previous study session to bring information forward for their consideration and disposition. I am looking forward to meeting Kelso's residents and business owners in the very near future. Mayor Fatcher commented that there is a 'Meet & Greet Reception' for Mr. Taylor on September 5th, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the City of Kelso Council Chambers.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: The revisions to the ordinance regarding the airport regulations were submitted to the Airport Board. I expect to bring that back to you for second reading at the next council meeting on September 18, 2012. Once this ordinance passes in Kelso, the airport regulations will be sent to the other jurisdictions for their approval. This process should be completed by the end of the year.

David Sypher: 1) Welcome to our new city manager. 2) The Public Works Department budget information is turned in. 3) We are working on the large project in the replacing of meters. 4) We are aware that there are street lights around the city that need to be replaced and we are working on providing the staff to get those taken care of. 5) The Airport Governance transition is progressing. It looks like we will be meeting our time line. I am pretty pleased about that. 6) I want to thank Councilmember Roberson for putting a lot of professional work into the Commons Park. He did this on a volunteer basis in preparation for the '*Iron Horse Festival*' that was held this last weekend.

Nancy Malone: 1) I am happy to say that Jack in the Box will, possibly, be opening on Monday, September 10, 2012. 2) We received one application for the Planning Commission. It is Larry Alexander. 3) Today we received the traffic plan for the Cowlitz Family Health Center. It has been forwarded to Wallace Engineering. If everything is fine, we will be able to sign off of that permit and get it out the door. 4) I have learned that we will need to have a geotechnical report done on the house located at 404 Burcham Street in order to get it removed. It is the house that is on top of the hill above the landslide. At some point, I will need to get some direction from Council in order to do this. There may be potential litigation regarding this property. 5) I was contacted by Maul Foster & Alongi Ecologist Michael Stringer regarding the 1124 N Pacific Avenue property. He informed me that there is a grant that we can apply for that may cover the cost of the clean up of that property. 6) I went to the business site for the new Hickory Hogs Restaurant today with my building inspector and the Fire Department Inspector. The location is the old Peter's Restaurant. Things are looking good there but it will be 30 to 40 days before they are ready to open. I am really hopeful that it is going to be a good thing. Councilmember Archer asked about how much parking will be available to the new restaurant. Ms. Malone commented that since the original use of the building was a

restaurant, the allotted parking is grandfathered in so that will not change.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) I would like to welcome Mr. Taylor to Kelso. I look forward in working with you. 2) Children's Story Time will begin on September 18th. Our teen program starts on September 6th. 3) We are looking at joining with the Longview Public Library for an adult reading program. I hear this program will involve large prizes and incentives.

Chief Andrew Hamilton: 1) School starts tomorrow and officers will be working the school zones. We have had the radar trailer out on the streets and we are working on making sure that everyone gets to school safely. 2) We are fully staffed. I am back in the Police Department fulltime. 3) I, also, want to welcome the new city manager. 4) We are within our budget on overtime and other related issues.

Brian Butterfield: 1) Welcome to Mr. Taylor. 2) I have received the budget information from all of the departments and I will begin discussing this with Mr. Taylor at our meeting tomorrow. 3) We will have a public hearing to discuss the 2013 Operating Revenues at the next council meeting. Mayor Fatcher asked if this is required if we want to levy any property tax or increases. Mr. Butterfield commented that in order to levy any property tax, a public hearing is required.

Traci Howard: I just wanted to remind everyone that the 'Highlander Festival' is this weekend. It will be a lot of fun, so don't miss it.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Kim Lefebvre: I want to welcome Mr. Taylor to our city. Let's all work great together.

Rick Roberson: 1) The request was made to the Transit Board about having a CUBS bus stop at the train station. They are taking this into consideration and they are looking at a couple of different routing scenarios that may work. 2) I attended the 'Iron Horse Festival' last weekend. Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association coordinates this event. It went really well and they did a great job. Mayor Fatcher commented that the 'Iron Horse Festival' was a two day event this year.

Dan Myers: 1) As you may recall, the Council of Governments sponsored an Economic and Fiscal Health Workshop that was held at the end of July. I did not attend that meeting, but I did obtain the presentation for it at the last COG meeting. I do not think they are going to give us anything that is really great. Their consultant team should be following up with a report for recommendations. They will compare their results with the sustainability exercise that the COG Board did earlier this spring. 2) There has been a great deal of discussion on the structure of the Transportation Planning Committee. The COG Executive Committee has decided to keep the COG Board as the decision making body with the Technical Advisory Committee making recommendations. 3) COG

Transportation Manager Rosemary Siipola gave a presentation on the Federal and State Transportation Planning Requirements. In her presentation, she discussed the difference between the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Planning Organization. The MPO consists of a population area with 50,000 or more and receives federal funding. The RTPO covers the urban and rural areas which receives state funding. The planning is looking complex but very important. I am hoping that our Planning Commission is brought up to date. I think it is very important that they understand how they fit into this process. 4) I attended the Wilco Grand Opening Celebration. They have a great looking store, and I plan to go back and make a purchase in the very near future. I encourage everyone to go and see it.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

David Futcher: It is nice to see the staff table filled, and it is nice to have Mr. Taylor on board.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



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