

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 Todd McDaniel, Rick Roberson, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Gary Schimmel, Gary Archer, and Jared Franklin.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/03/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Community Development Department 2014 Annual Report: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided an overview of last year's activities in the Community Development Department, the Nuisance/Abatement Division, the Building/Planning Division, and the Engineering Department.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$ 1,483,529.01

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,483,529.01,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Drive, spoke about relocating the projector screen in the council chambers.

Rick Von Rock, 400 North 7th Avenue, spoke about the City providing a quarterly newsletter with the utility bills.

Chuck Hendrickson, Love Overwhelming Executive Director, provided an update on the activities of the low barrier shelter. He submitted a 2014 Statistics Report to the Council. Councilmember Archer spoke about receiving complaints relating to the shelter.

Greg Donges, 606 North 23rd Avenue, spoke about various items involving the nuisance/abatement service, buildings in need of repair, and street issues that he wrote about in a letter to Councilmember Archer. Mr. Kardas addressed the complaints made in the letter. Councilmember Archer invited Mr. Donges to meet with him to discuss his complaints.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Lodging Tax Funding Request – 2015

Visitor's Guide City of Kelso Advertisement: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Approve the funding request,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending KMC Chapter 10.04, Traffic Regulations:

The Deputy 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 AMENDING CHAPTER 10.04 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE STATUTORY REFERENCES AND CLARIFY IMPOUND PERIODS.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending Stormwater Management Utility: The

Deputy 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 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-3834 RELATING TO THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT UTILITY BY REVISING THE SYSTEM OF CHARGES.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented that he and Mr. Kardas will be attending the Community Economic Revitalization Board meeting next Thursday to request funding assistance for a feasibility/master planning study on a heavy industrial park. 2) Briefed the Council on the landscaping/cleanup event that was held on March 6th and 7th. 3) Briefed the Council on the meeting with the Indigent Defense Attorney Debra Burchett and the Office of Public Defense. 4) Announced that the City was awarded \$20,000 in mitigation grant funds from the Washington Cities Insurance Authority to go toward a sidewalk improvement program. 5) Acknowledgment goes out to the Association of Rapscallions and River Rats and chainsaw sculptor Robert Tidwell for carving a dead tree into a likeness of the Loch Ness Monster at Tam O' Shanter Park.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report

Dan Myers: He commented that he is on the Longview Kelso Community Concert Association Board and that there is a special on season tickets for the upcoming season.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

Gary Archer: 1) Provided an update on the 'Big Idea' Board meeting. He commented that the 'Big Idea' is holding their first county garage sale at the county fairgrounds on May 2nd.

Jared Franklin: A personal thank you to Chuck Hendrickson and the Love Overwhelming staff for the task they have undertaken.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK