

Pastor Nick Stumbo, East Hills Alliance Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Fatcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Fatcher. Councilmembers in attendance were Rick Roberson, Jared Franklin, Dan Myers, David Fatcher, Gary Archer, and Todd McDaniel. Councilmember Schimmel was absent. The Council conceded that Councilmember Schimmel's absence was excused because it was city business related.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/5/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Fatcher read a proclamation declaring May 17th – 23rd, as “**National Public Works Week**” in the City of Kelso. Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson accepted the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Comcast Cable: Comcast Director of Government Affairs Tess Fields and a team of her colleagues provided a presentation, that involved the history of cable TV, the significance of a franchise right-of-way, and an update of the products and services provided to the residents.

Finance/Utility Department Report: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided a presentation of the department's personnel and an overview highlighting the department's various functions and duties.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 1,688,995.08

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$ 1,688,995.08,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th Ave., spoke about an app for the City of Kelso website. Mayor Fatcher offered to assist Mr. Von Rock with the app after the meeting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion – Amending the City Charter: City Attorney Janean Parker and City Manager Steve Taylor provided an overview of the city charter that showed comparisons of certain provisions to the state’s Optional Municipal Code. After a lengthy deliberation, the Council directed staff to bring this item back for further discussion.

Councilmember Schimmel arrived at 7:43 p.m.

Contract Award – 2015-Intersection Reconstruction Project at Minor Road & Brynion Street: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Award the Bid to Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC.’ City Engineer Mike Kardas addressed the cost of the asphalt. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Wetlands Mitigation Conservation Easement: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO GRANTING A CONSERVATION AND ACCESS EASEMENT OVER THE HART’S LAKE PROPERTY, PARCELS WI36-01-001 and 24125, TO FORTERRA NW,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Announced that the new Kelso-Longview Visitor’s Guide is now available. 2) Asked the Council for direction regarding a community solar power project presentation by Inovus. The Council approved the presentation for the June 2nd meeting. 3) Provided an update on the annexation proposal for the incorporated area (doughnut hole) from the county. 4) Provided an update on the Shoreline Master Program. 5) Clarified comments made in the Comcast Cable presentation. He commented that Kelso is in the process of negotiating a new franchise agreement with Comcast.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Schimmel: Spoke about the Community Report Card event that he attended earlier in the evening.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Archer: Reminded everyone that Memorial Day is next Monday and to drive safe. He asked everyone to make time for the people that are working the American Legion Poppy Program fundraiser event.

Dan Myers: No report.

Jared Franklin: 1) Acknowledged the anniversary of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. 2) Spoke about a training opportunity for government employees.

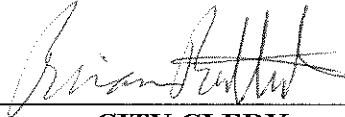
Rick Roberson: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK