

Pastor Mark Schmutz, Northlake Baptist 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 Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were Gary Schimmel, Todd McDaniel, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Jared Franklin, Rick Roberson, and Gary Archer

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/3/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of November 16th – 20th, 2015, as “**International Education Week**” in the City of Kelso. ASSE International Student Exchange Program Western Regional Director Veryl Anderson and foreign exchange students from the countries: Spain, Georgia, and Pakistan each accepted a proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS:

West Main Revitalization Project: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided an update on the project.

2015-2016 Biennial Budget Modifications: Finance Director Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the City's budget for the 2016 fiscal year.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2015-2016 Budget Mid-biennial Review: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. The following citizens spoke from the audience:

- Rick Von Rock, 400 N 7th Ave.
- Jim Hill, 1100 N 22nd Ave.
- Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Dr.
- Nancy Malone, 190 Milwaukie Pl.
- Curtis Hart, 115 William Ave.
- Gregg Donges, 606 N 23rd Ave.

There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Extension – Onsite Computer Services, Compass Lane**
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1, 523,294.01

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,523,294.01,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Dr., spoke about looking forward to improvements to the city under the newly elected Council.

Healthy Living Collaborative (HLC) of Southwest Washington: HLC South Kelso Community Health Advocates Jenn Schapman, Ophelia Noble, Sandy Southern, and Val Bales introduced themselves to the Council and spoke about their involvement in the community.

Jim Hill, 1100 N 22nd Ave., spoke about summer job programs for youths.

Anthony Carrera, 803 S 6th Ave., spoke about the merging traffic on 3rd Avenue coming from Allen Street.

Curtis Hart, 115 Williams Ave., spoke about water fluoridation, and the proposed salary increase for certain non-represented city employees.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: None.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) 2016 Budget Revision No.1: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2015-2016 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amend KMC Chapter 17.15, Land Use: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.15. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amend KMC Chapter 17.15, Wireless Facilities: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass on 1st reading,

‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO COLLOCATION, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF WIRELESS FACILITIES; ADDING A NEW REGULATORY NOTE TO KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.15.040; ESTABLISHING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR COLLOCATION, REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF WIRELESS TRANSMISSION FACILITIES TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL LAW AND REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHING AN APPLICATION SUBMITTAL AND APPROVAL PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR TERMINATION OF NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.’ City Attorney Parker briefed the Council on the new state law requirements. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 15-3854 – Setting 2016 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 15-3854, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,450,135 FOR THE 2016 BUDGET OF THE CITY. Councilmembers Schimmel, McDaniel, Myers, Fatcher, Roberson, and Archer voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 15-3855 – Updating Water & Sewer Rates: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 15-3855, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-3832 UPDATING WATER AND SEWER RATES. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 15-3856 – Assumption of the Transportation Benefit District by the City: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 15-3856, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ASSUMING THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.65 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 15-1145 – Salary Class Matrix/Employee Handbook/Health Benefit Policy Amendment: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass Resolution No. 15-1145, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 14-1130 AND ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE SALARY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES, AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK APPLYING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS INDICATED THEREIN, AMENDING THE CITY OF KELSO EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFIT POLICY, AND REPEALING

RESOLUTION NO. 93-680 PERTAINING TO THE EMPLOYEE WHISTLE-BLOWER POLICY. City Manager Taylor provided an overview of the proposed resolution. Lengthy discussion followed.

Nancy Malone, 190 Milwaukee Pl., spoke from the audience about the proposed employee promotions/reclassifications and pay increases.

Councilmembers Schimmel, McDaniel, Myers, Fatcher, Roberson, and Archer voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Announced that there would be an executive session tonight. 2) Brought an application from the Cowlitz Black Bears Organization requesting lodging tax funds to aid in hosting a Westcoast All-Stars event in July 2016. By consensus of the Council, the application is to be referred to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and an application opportunity for 2016 lodging tax funds will not be reopened to the public.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Archer: Have a nice and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Rick Roberson: 1) Provided an update on the South Kelso Neighborhood Association (SKNA). He commented that SKNA has a youth program for clean-up events. 2) Reported on his recent activities relating to the spray park and provided an update on his granddaughter. 3) Spoke about the amount of the electrical bill for SKNA's shared facility at 109 Allen Street. City Manager Taylor commented that Staff would provide a report to Council on the SKNA agreement and information regarding their utility billing.

Jared Franklin: Commented that he had some "Support Your Local Police" fliers to give out to businesses that would like to post one in their window.

Dan Myers: 1) Reported that the Lion's Club would be contacting the City regarding relocating the donated blue benches from the downtown area to the train depot. 2) Spoke about token operated locks for the public restrooms in the train depot.

Todd McDaniel: Announced that the Cowlitz Transit Authority will be discussing rate increases at their next meeting.

Gary Schimmel: Spoke about various workforce programs available to youths in the community. He commented that the school district has programs for youths in risk of dropping out.

David Fatcher: Spoke about the visit with the delegates from Kelso, Scotland.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Fatcher announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss an employee performance evaluation. The executive session is expected to last approximately 1 hour and no action will be taken. The city attorney was not present.

At 9:00 p.m., it was announced that the executive session would be extended for 1 more hour.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 10:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.



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