

Pastor Chris Davis, Abundant Life Church of the Nazarene, 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, Franklin, Schimmel, Archer, Myers, McDaniel, and Roberson

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/02/14 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Appointments:** Planning Commission Position No. 6 and Kelso Housing Authority
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,038,271.95

Councilmember Archer requested to have **Item No. 1 regarding the Planning Commission Appointment** be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately.

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the modified Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,038,271.95.' Councilmembers Futcher, Myers, Archer, Schimmel, Roberson, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, '**Approve the appointment of Chuck Hendrickson to the Planning Commission Position No. 6.**' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Futcher, Schimmel, McDaniel, Myers, Franklin, and Roberson voted yes. Councilmember Archer voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Utility Rate Study Adoption: City Manager Steve Taylor provided an overview of the FCS Utility Rate Study that was delivered to the Council last July. Included in his presentation, were the staff's rate increase recommendations. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Direct the staff to bring back an ordinance implementing the lower rates as recommended by the staff.'

Discussion ensued. Citizens who spoke from the audience were as follows:

- Anthony Currera, 803 South 6th Avenue
- Rick Von Rock, 400 North 7th Avenue

Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented on the 2014 Highlander Festival. 2) Reported on the outcome of the three workshops that were held last week relating to the revitalization of South Kelso. 3) Commented that the State of the Cities Luncheon will be next Thursday. 4) Commented that an introduction to the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget will be provided at the next council meeting on October 7, 2014. 5) Commented that there is new signage at the visitor center. 6) Provided an update on the request for the reallocation of Rural County Public Facility Funds.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jared Franklin: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

Dan Myers: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Schimmel: Provided a report on the last meeting of the Cowlitz County 911 Council Board.

Rick Roberson: 1) Commented on the Smart Growth USA workshops. 2) Spoke about the Highlander Festival Parade.

David Futcher: Commented on the Highlander Festival.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



MAYOR



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