

Pastor Jerry Dahlke, North Gate City 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: Archer, McDaniel, Myers, Futcher, Roberson, Franklin, and Schimmel.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/4/14 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of November 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as "International Education Week" in the City of Kelso. ASSE International Student Exchange Program Western Regional Director Veryl Anderson and foreign exchange students from Canada, Norway, Germany, Japan, and the Ukraine each accepted a proclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. City Manager Steve Taylor provided an overview of the highlights of the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget.

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., spoke about the proposed budget fitting the needs of the City. He spoke about salary expenditures and revenue sources.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 1,838,284.20

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,838,284.20.' Councilmembers Archer, McDaniel, Myers, Futcher, Roberson, and Schimmel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion carried, 6 to 1.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Rick Von Rock**, 400 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., spoke about improving the directional signage throughout the city. He spoke about any known findings on the recent emergency repair work.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Adopt 2015-2016 Budget:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 'AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE 2015/16 FISCAL YEARS.' Councilmembers Archer, McDaniel, Myers, Futcher, Roberson, and Schimmel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

**Ordinance No. 14-3835 – Setting 2015 Property Tax Levy Amount:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 14-3835, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,412,683 FOR THE 2015 BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Archer, McDaniel, Myers, Futcher, Roberson, and Schimmel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

**Ordinance No. 14-3836 – B&O Utility Tax Rates:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 14-3836, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 5.05.120 TO INCREASE UTILITY BUSINESS TAX RATES FROM EIGHTEEN PERCENT TO TWENTY PERCENT FOR WATER SEWER AND GARBAGE PROVIDERS.' **Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Amend the motion to provide for a sunset date for the tax increase in 2 years.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Archer, McDaniel, Myers, Roberson, Franklin, and Schimmel voted yes. Mayor Futcher voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.**

Mayor Futcher reiterated the original motion to approve the ordinance as amended to include the sunset clause. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 14-1128 – Authorize Property Tax Increase:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 14-1128, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.' Councilmembers Archer, McDaniel, Myers, Futcher, Roberson, and Schimmel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

**Resolution No. 14-1129 – Cancellation of Unclaimed Warrants:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Pass Resolution No. 14-1129, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO CANCELLING CERTAIN WARRANTS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.56.040.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** Discussed amending the planning commission code KMC 2.60. He briefed the Council on state law requirements for planning commissions. Lengthy discussion followed. **By general consensus, the Council gave direction to staff to bring back, for consideration, amendments to the planning commission code regarding the number of positions on the commission and the requirements of residency.**

**Rod Wright,** 97 Banyon Drive, spoke about the need for a planning commission.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** 1) Briefed the Council on the decision to approve the Love Overwhelming application to operate at the former Emergency Support Shelter facility. 2) Briefed the Council on the findings of the recent emergency work at the 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Chestnut St. site and the Minor Rd. & Allen St. site.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Gary Schimmel:** No report.

**Jared Franklin:** No report.

**Rick Roberson:** No report.

**Dan Myers:** 1) Provided a report on the Interim Metropolitan Regional Transportation Plan Update that was recently approved by the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments. 2) Provided a report on the All Aboard Washington meeting that he recently attended. 3) He commented that he had received a report on bow hunting within the city limits.

**Todd McDaniel:** Provided a report on the Kelso Police Homecoming that he recently attended. He commented that the Kelso police officers are well respected statewide.

**Gary Archer:** Provided a report on his recent visit to the coal mining industry in Wyoming.

**David Futcher:** Provided a brief report on the recent meeting with the Congresswomen Herrera-Buetler's representatives and local city officials.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



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**CITY CLERK**