

Pastor Hanna Peterson, Kelso First Presbyterian 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: Futcher, Archer, Lefebvre, McDaniel, Schimmel, and Roberson. Councilmember Myers was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/01/12 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 14th – May 18th, 2012, as *National Bike to Work Week* in the City of Kelso. Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Director and bicycling enthusiast Steve Harvey accepted the proclamation and spoke about the Cowlitz County's 4th annual 'Bike to Work Week' event. He said kick off was Monday the 14th, at the Triangle Center Starbucks. There were about 40 people that showed up. He said that registration has increased each year. He challenged Council and the staff to do some bicycling this week and to join them at the Triangle Starbucks for 'National Bike to Work Day, Friday the 18th, between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. There will be speakers and free coffee for all of the bicyclists. Later that evening will be the finale at the Fusion Café. Mayor Futcher commented about the Joint Session Meeting with the Board of Commissioners and the City of Longview on May 29, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. located in the Kelso City council chambers. It will involve discussing policies that will encourage things like bike lanes. Mr. Harvey said that the topic of discussion is the Transportation Systems Plan. It is to recognize that the street environment can be good for all forms of transit. He asked to pass on a thank you to Councilmember Myers for sharing information about the activities Mr. Myers is involved with as a member on the COG Board. He said it was good that Mr. Myers is helping to get the word out to the public during the City of Kelso council meetings.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of May 14th – May 20th, 2012 as *National Salvation Army Week* in the City of Kelso. Captain David Davis accepted the proclamation. He spoke of the history of the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has been in partnership with the City of Kelso for the last 90 years. He thanked Council for the continuing recognition.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 13th – 19th, 2012, as *National Police Week* in the City of Kelso. Chief Andrew Hamilton accepted the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Resolution 12-1061:** Declare Surplus Item – Broken Office Furniture

2. **Outdoor Facility Request Application:** JH Kelly Annual Company Picnic
3. **Appointment:** Betty Wilson – Mosquito Board
4. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,381,546.19

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,381,546.19,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 12-1062 – Six Year Capital Improvement Program Update 2012 - 2017: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 12-1062, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF 2012 – 2017,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) We have been busy getting ready for the City Manager's evaluation and selection process. It is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Denny Richards and Executive Assistant Shelly Timm have been working very hard on this process. 2) I want to thank all of the people that have donated this year for the flower baskets hanging in front of city hall.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief Andrew Hamilton: 1) The weather has been warm. Things also seem to have heated up for the patrol officers and the detectives keeping them very busy. This is when the program that allows us to house two Department of Correction's officers in the police department shows to be very valuable. They are here to assist our officers in the field which adds to the patrols therefore making it safer for all. 2) One officer is currently on active military duty for 30 days. Another officer just underwent a major surgery. He is doing well at this time. 3) Officer Phil Weismiller has just completed the FTO process. This is a requirement due to being laid off for an extended amount of time. 4) The Citizen's Academy graduation was May 9th. It was great to see that two of our councilmembers attended the class.

Janean Parker: 1) We received the certificate of sale for the Baranick property at 1124 N. Pacific Ave. Due to a six month redemption period under the law that must pass, the final deed will be issued to the City about mid December. We have been working with

the consultants on the cleanup and redevelopment of that property. 2) I would like to ask for an executive session to discuss labor agreement negotiations.

David Sypher: 1) We are still trying to get used to the sunshine. This weather has allowed the crews to work on weed control. They have been working on that all week. 2) We have finished the 2 ½ year long residential meter replacement program. This will cut down on water loss and accurately assess what we are selling our customers. 3) We are winding down on the Water Master Plan, the Stormwater Master Plan, and the North Kelso Sewer Study and we should have the report available for the Railroad Crossing Study next month. 4) The Airport Governance Board transition is moving along well. They have adopted their rules of procedure. 5) The transportation shortfall regarding the West Main Realignment Project is moving forward. We have some great possibilities of satisfying this issue and we will be bringing this to Council once we have something solid. 6) We are currently working hard on applying for a couple of grants. 7) We have been working with Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association Board Member Rick Roberson on some entry sign issues for the downtown area. Mayor Fatcher asked about the location for the railroad crossing. Mr. Sypher said Hazel Street is the location. He commented that it would access the golf course. They are also considering an overpass at that location. He said the rail office is very supportive. It is exciting to know that, since we have taken the initiative to be study ready for the third rail, we are in a great position to receive any funds that may become available for that. Councilmember Roberson commented that the inmate work crews have done a great job cleaning up the Cowlitz Way Bridge and other streets. Mr. Sypher said there is a big long list of what they actually do for us. It is a very economical way to get things cleaned up. He commented that The City of Longview has worked very hard in conjunction with Kelso. They are using some of their grant money to get the portals between the cities cleaned up.

Nancy Malone: 1) We had a meeting with Maul Foster & Alongi regarding the clean up and redevelopment of the property at 1124 N Pacific Ave. We are working on grant applications for the removal of contamination on the property which turned out to be not as bad as we anticipated. We are discussing the redevelopment of the property with Lower Columbia Community Action Council and we are talking about townhouses and or cottage homes. There is still plenty of work until we get to that point. 2) With the summer weather we are getting a lot of nuisance abatement calls on lawn issues. Mike Reynoldson is helping me with that. It is a matter of sending out letters and following up. 3) I have been talking to Mr. Sypher about having the inmate work crews help me with getting property issues resolved. Mayor Fatcher commented that the ordinance states that lawns cannot be over 12 inches high within the city limits. This involves the front and backyards.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) Our summer reading program 'Dream Big Read' fliers are here. Sign up for the program starts June 18th, and kick off is on June 27th. We have fun summer activities planned for kids. If you are a kid come down to the library this summer we will have lots of fun things for you to do.

Brian Butterfield: You have the Monthly Financial Reports through April 30, 2012. Please let me know if you have any questions. Mr. Butterfield commented that there will be possible future budget amendments.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

Rick Roberson: I attended the Citizen's Academy this year. It was good to see the cooperation between the other law enforcement agencies in the community. We are well served in this region. Everyone should take comfort for that reason.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations. The executive session is expected to last approximately 15 minutes. The attorney was present. No action will be taken.

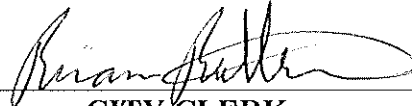
At 7:45 p.m. Councilmember McDaniel announced that the Council would remain in executive session approximately 15 minutes longer.

At 8:00 p.m. the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



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