

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, and Gary Archer. Councilmember Rick Roberson was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/06/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Professional Finance Officers Award: City Manager Steve Taylor presented the award from the Washington Finance Officers Association to Finance Director Brian Butterfield for his excellence in achieving educational and professional requirements. This is the 13th consecutive year that Mr. Butterfield has received this award.

West Kelso Sub Area Plan: BERK Consulting, Inc. Urban Planner Jeff Arango provided an update on their work conducting a plan to develop the West Kelso neighborhood.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Declare as Surplus Public Works Utility Vehicle: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. There being no comment from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout:** West Main Realignment Construction Project – Rotschy, Inc.
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,140,240.86

Upon motion by Councilmember Franklin, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,140,240.86,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Ronald Madderra, 5400 Meeker Drive #77, Kalama, WA, spoke about water fluoridation and federalization of local police officers.

Gregg Donges, 606 North 23rd Avenue, spoke about the Kelso Public Library budget. He requested information regarding the library's expenses. Mr. Butterfield took Mr. Donges's contact information to follow up on his request.

Curtis Hart, 115 Williams Avenue, spoke about water fluoridation. He read aloud a quote by Dr. Timothy Leary.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA) Agreement: TRRWA Board Chairman Jeff Cameron provided an update on the amendments to the proposed Joint Municipal Utility Services Agreement, Board of Directors Bylaws, and the Operating Board Bylaws. Discussion followed.

Shopping Cart Regulations: City Manager Taylor provided an overview of the provisions in the proposed ordinance. He presented the municipal codes on shopping cart regulations from Auburn and Yakima as models. He commented that the City would be mailing a letter, with the proposed ordinance, to business owners for their input. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was for the Staff to wait for input from the business owners and to use the Yakima model as a start for the proposed ordinance.

The Regular Session recessed at 7:30 p.m. to convene into the Transportation Benefit District Meeting. At 7:35 p.m., the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 15-3853 – Nuisance Abatement Code Enforcement Chapter 10.06 Junk Vehicles: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 15-3853, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 10.06 RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT AND REMOVAL OF JUNK VEHICLES,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 15-1139 – Setting Public Hearing for City Assumption of the Transportation Benefit District: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Pass Resolution No. 15-1139, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, SETTING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE CITY’S INTENT TO ASSUME THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOARD OF THE KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 15-1140 – Declare Surplus of Personal Property: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Archer, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass Resolution No. 15-1140, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND

DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 15-1141 – Declare Surplus of Personal Property: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Archer, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass Resolution No. 15-1141, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Announced that this is the 33rd year that Library Manager Cindy Donaldson has been with the City. 2) Announced that the City of Kelso has been chosen by the Association of Washington Cities to host a webinar for current and newly elected city officials from the Southwest Washington region on December 5, 2015. 3) Presented a new enhancement to the Open Kelso Budget application on the city website. 4) He reported that the Comcast Franchise Agreement is nearly ready to bring forward to the Council for their consideration. 5) Provided an update on the renaming of the Commons Park.

STAFF REPORT:

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton: Reported on the graduation of Kelso’s two newest police officers from the academy at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Archer: No report.

Jared Franklin: No report.

Dan Myers: Commented that he will be working on the election board starting this week.

Todd McDaniel: 1) Commented that the Cowlitz Transit Authority is holding a public hearing at Longview City Hall on November 14, at 4:00 p.m., to discuss raising ridership fees. 2) Asked everyone to think of Longview Police Officer Deisher who was in an auto accident yesterday.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

David Futcher: Reported on his recent visit to Kelso’s Sister City, Makinohara, Japan.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



MAYOR



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