

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 Kim Lefebvre, Larry Alexander, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Jim Hill, and Todd McDaniel. Councilmember Nancy Malone was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the 3/1/16 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

2016 Legislative Update: Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs Lobbyists Briahna Murray and Alex Soldano provided a status update on the legislative session.

Public Works Annual Report: Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson provided the 2015 Annual Report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,500,127.80

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,500,127.80,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Neil Crawford, 1621 Crawford Street, spoke about the policy for changing a name on a utility account. City Manager Steve Taylor will have Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield bring back to the Council a report on the name change process.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

West Kelso Subarea Plan Discussion: City Manager Taylor presented the proposed draft plan. He commented that the plan was recommended by the Planning Commission. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize staff to bring the plan forward for final consideration.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Roberson, Futcher, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and Hill voted not. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

Kelso City Charter Citizen Review Committee: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Direct staff to proceed with the formation of the City Charter Review Committee.' City Manager Taylor briefed the Council on the process for the making of the committee. Discussion followed.

Councilmembers Lefebvre, Alexander, Roberson, Fatcher, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Amending KMC 8.20 Fireworks: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.20 FIREWORKS TO REVISE PERMITTING AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES AND REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE LAW.’ City Attorney Janean Parker provided an overview of the changes to the ordinance. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmember Hill distributed a memo with his suggested changes. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Roberson, Fatcher, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Shopping Cart Regulations: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO SHOPPING CART THEFT AND REGULATION AMENDING 9A.56.270 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.62 SHOPPING CART CONTROL TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE.’ Nuisance Abatement Officer Mike Meier provided a report on the results of his recent port of call process for abandoned carts. Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 16-3868 – Amending KMC 2.32 Authority to Appoint Limited Commission Police Officers: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 16-3868, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.32 POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT LIMITED COMMISSION POLICE OFFICERS.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 16-1152 – Initiating Process to Vacate Portion of Talley Way Right of Way: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass Resolution No. 16-1152, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, INITIATING THE PROCESS TO VACATE PORTIONS OF TALLEY WAY RIGHT OF WAY, AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 16-1153 – Proposed Exploratory Drilling and Mining at Goat Mountain: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass Resolution No. 16-1153, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO

DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED MINING EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT AT GOAT MOUNTAIN/MT. MARGARET NORTH OF MOUNT ST. HELENS.’ Citizens that spoke from the audience were as follows:

- **Charlotte Persons**, 2409 Bloyd Street, provided signed post cards from citizens in opposition to the mining.
- **Clark-Skamania Fly Fishers President Steve Jones**, 3101 North Ivy Circle, Camas, WA.
- **Ascot Resources USA Representative Mike McDonald**, 214 2nd Street, Morton, WA, provided a power point presentation regarding Ascot Resources USA’s past actions on their permit applications and showed the area that would be impacted by the proposed exploratory drilling. He distributed a packet consisting of correspondence relating to their permit applications.

Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Alexander, Roberson, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmembers Fatcher and Hill voted No. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

WALK-ON ITEM:

Resolution No. 16-1154 – Municipal Research and Services Center Support for Funding: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Pass Resolution No. 16-1154, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING OF THE MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Reported on the recent Cowlitz Economic Development Council (EDC) meeting. He commented that the EDC requested to have the City of Kelso’s name included in an advertisement in support of proceeding with the methanol plant in Kalama, WA. The Council approved that Kelso would be included in the ad and directed staff to draft a statement in support of proceeding with the plant.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Kim Lefebvre: Spoke about the ‘Building Bridges’ event hosted by the Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce that she recently attended. She commented that she attended the Library Board meeting last night and that it was good to see the Library so successful.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Rick Roberson: He commented that he would be attending the public hearing for the methanol plant on March 22, 2016, in Kalama.

Jim Hill: 1) Commented that he attended the recent 911 Committee meeting. 2) He spoke about bringing the issue regarding plastic shopping bags back for discussion. City Manager Taylor commented that this item is on the auxiliary task list.

Todd McDaniel: Commented that he audited the claims on Monday.

David Futcher: Commented that he attended the recent Airport Board meeting and asked that citizens interested in the airport to contact the airport representatives from the Port of Longview. He commented that he would not be attending the next Airport Board meeting. City Manager Taylor confirmed that Councilmember Hill was the alternate.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.



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