

Pastor Wayne Schneider, Kelso First United Methodist 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, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Schimmel. Councilmember Lefebvre was absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 4/16/13 Special Council Workshop and the 4/16/13 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 13 – 19, 2013, as *Salvation Army Week* in the City of Kelso.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 19 – 25, 2013, as *National Public Works Week* in the City of Kelso. The City of Kelso Public Works Director David Sypher accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring May 10, 2013, as *EWU at LCC Day* in the City of Kelso. Lower Columbia College Director of ELearning Renee Carney, Vice President of Administration Nolan Wheeler, and Director of College Relations Susan Groth accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the month of May 2013, as *Older Americans Month* in the City of Kelso.

Deputy Mayor Todd McDaniel read a proclamation declaring May 12 – 18, 2013, as *National Police Week* in the City of Kelso. The City of Kelso Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton accepted the proclamation.

**PRESENTATION:**

**National Police Week:** Chief Hamilton gave a power point presentation in honor of the fallen law enforcement officers and gave tribute to Kelso Police Officer Frank Konen, the only law enforcement officer in the City of Kelso to lose his life in the line of duty.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Kelly M. Todd**, 909 Crawford Street, spoke about witnessing drug trafficking at houses on Columbia Street.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Purchase of the New Visitor Center:** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Authorize the Purchase of the Visitor Center,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**WSCCCE/AFSCME Local 1557 2013-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and WSCCCE/AFSCME Local 1557.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 13-1087 – Emergency Work at Catlin St & SR 411:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Pass Resolution No. 13-1087, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING THE REPAIR OF SEWER MAIN IN SR 411 TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**Adoption of the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Study:** Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Study.' Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** 1) Provided a brief update on the status of the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments search for a new Executive Director. 2) Provided a brief report on the May 3, 2013 Council Retreat. He commented that a recap of the retreat, the action plan and the SWOT analysis results will be given to Council to use as a reference in the future. 3) Provided a brief report on the 'Activate South Kelso' open house event that was held earlier in the day. 'ASK' is a program administered by the Portland State University M.U.R.P Students. Several councilmembers and staff attended.

**STAFF REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

**Finance Director Brian Butterfield** commented that the state auditors will be here any day and that they plan to be finished prior to June 30, 2013.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas** provided an update report on the progress of the Visitor Center.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Rick Roberson:** Commented that there was a good turnout at the 'ASK' Open House.

**Dan Myers:** 1) Attended the 'ASK' Open House. He commented that it is always good to meet with the public. 2) He commented that the cleanup crew did a good job at the train depot.

**Todd McDaniel:** No report.

**Gary Archer:** No report.

**Gary Schimmel:** No report.

**David Futcher:** No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

  
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