

KELSO CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M.

September 1, 2015
REGULAR MEETING

Pastor Marv Kasemeier, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. 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: Jared Franklin, Gary Archer, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Todd McDaniel, Gary Schimmel, and Rick Roberson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/18/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Kelso Police Department: Chief Andrew Hamilton announced that Detective Dave Voelker has turned in his resignation. He presented Detective Voelker with a plaque in appreciation for his 23 years of service.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Ray Van Tongeren, Longview, spoke about the Love Overwhelming Low Barrier Shelter.

Robert P. Werner, 150 Carroll Rd., spoke about water fluoridation.

Bill Kasch, 2619 Nichols Blvd., spoke about fireworks in the city. He distributed a State of Washington fireworks code packet to the Council.

Shawn Nyman, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Central Labor Council President spoke about the sanctioned strike taken by AWPPW Local 153 against the Kapstone Paper & Packaging Corporation. She distributed a copy of a letter endorsing the strike to the Council.

Daniel Baumfalk, 2828 Allen Street, spoke about water fluoridation and the Love Overwhelming Low Barrier Shelter.

PRESENTATION:

Cowlitz Economic Development Council: Director Ted Sprague provided an overview of the organization's profile and a presentation highlighting projects that they are currently working on for the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Agreement – Cowlitz Transit Authority Lease Extension**

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Consent Agenda' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreement – Southwest Washington

Regional Airport: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

2016 Lodging Tax Distribution Allocations: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Approve the 2016 Lodging Tax Request for the distribution of funds as recommended by the Lodging Tax Committee,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Athletic Facilities and Bulk Water Rates Discussion: City Manager Steve Taylor presented a request by Kelso baseball leagues for a relief, or general fund subsidy, from the City to help cover the expense of the irrigation water. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to provide a percentage relief of the current water rate. City Manager Taylor spoke about a disparity in the bulk water rate for the use of fire hydrant meters. Council directed Staff to bring back a proposal for a water rate relief for the parks and a revised bulk water rate for their consideration.

Citizens who spoke from the audience:

- Rick Von Rock, 400 N 7th Avenue
- Rod Wright, 97 Banyon Drive

Big Idea Project Discussion: City Manager Taylor commented that this is a continuation discussion from the previous meeting for the use of the City’s Big Idea funding in 2017. Council directed Staff to move forward with the joint Way Finding Project with the City of Longview.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading previously tabled) – Nuisance Abatement Code adopting new Chapter 1.50 Code Enforcement: Mayor Futch pulled the item off the table. City Attorney Janean Parker confirmed that the amendments discussed at the August 18 meeting have been incorporated into the ordinance. Mayor Futch reiterated the motion, ‘Approve on first reading,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 15-3849 – Nuisance Abatement Code Amending Chapter 8.24 and adding new Chapter 15.04: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 15-3849, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE CITY’S PROCEDURES FOR ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES BY ADOPTING A REVISED CHAPTER 8.24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND ADDING A NEW

CHAPTER 15.04 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING 15.03.140.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: No report.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

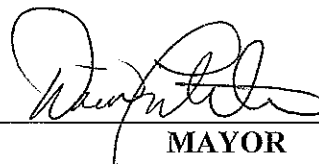
Dan Myers: 1) Commented on the Studebaker Driver's Club Event held at Tam O'Shanter Park last weekend. 2) Spoke about an annual Christmas Homes Tour Event.

Gary Archer: No report.

Jared Franklin: Commented that the archery season for deer hunting opens today.

David Futcher: 1) Commented that he is planning to visit Kelso's Sister City, Makinohara, Japan, in October to celebrate their 10 Year Anniversary. 2) Commented that people from Kelso, Scotland, who are interested in performing at the 2016 Highlander Festival, have contacted the City. City Manager Taylor commented that the State of the Cities Event is September 16.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK