

Pastor Chuck Mazingo from the Apostolic Lighthouse 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 Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were Gary Schimmel, Todd McDaniel, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Jared Franklin, Rick Roberson, and Gary Archer.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/20/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring November 17, 2015 to be '*National Adoption Day*' in the City of Kelso. Cowlitz County Superior Court Judge Marilyn Haan accepted the award. Attorney Darrell Ammons and Cowlitz County CASA Director Corie Dow also spoke.

PRESENTATIONS:

SR 432/433 Industrial/Oregon Way Intersection Project: Cowlitz County Project Manager Claude Sakr provided an overview and status update on the regional grade separation project. He provided a brochure highlighting the goals, objective, purpose, and the project timeline.

2016 Southwest Washington Regional Airport Budget: Interim Airport Manager Sharon Zimmerman provided an overview on the Airport Board, the revenue sources, and the costs for the operation and maintenance of the airport. She provided project information sheets and a brochure about the airport. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, '**Adopt the 2016 Budget,**' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Assumption of the Transportation Benefit District by the City: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the new state law that allows the city council to assume the functions of the district. There being no comment from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Agreement Amendment: Lease Extension – Mark Luna, MCL Coffee 1, LLC/Dutch Bros.**

2. **Contract Closeout: 2015 Intersection Reconstruction Project at Brynion St. & Minor Rd. – Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC**
3. **Contract Closeout: Talley Way Overlay Project – Lakeside Industries, Inc.**

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

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Ron Madderra, 5400 Meeker Drive #77, Kalama, spoke about water fluoridation and the federalization of the local police department.

Curtis Hart, 115 Williams Avenue, spoke about water fluoridation.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

South Kelso Annexation: Senior Undergraduate of Urban and Regional Planning at Eastern Washington University Anthony Taylor presented his findings of a South Kelso Annexation Study that he conducted over the summer. Lengthy discussion followed.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 15-1142 – Declaration of Substantial Need for the purpose of setting the Limit Factor for the Property Tax Levy for 2016: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 15-1142, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR PURPOSES OF SETTING THE LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN THE 2016 REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL NEED.' Councilmembers Schimmel, McDaniel, Myers, Fatcher, Roberson, and Archer voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 15-1143 – Authorize the Increase in the Property Tax Levy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 15-1143, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.' Councilmembers Schimmel, McDaniel, Myers, Fatcher, Roberson, and Archer voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 15-1144 – Setting a Date for Public Hearing regarding Street

Vacation: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Archer, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass Resolution No. 15-1144, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, INITIATING THE PROCESS TO VACATE PORTIONS OF 2nd AVENUE, AND SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Setting 2016 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,446,853 FOR THE 2016 BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Councilmembers Schimmel, McDaniel, Myers, Fatcher, Roberson, and Archer voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Updating Water & Sewer Rates: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 14-3832 UPDATING WATER AND SEWER RATES.’ Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Assumption of the Transportation Benefit District: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ASSUMING THE RIGHTS, POWERS, FUNCTIONS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT AND AMENDING CHAPTER 3.65 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Reported that our lobbyist consultants have scheduled a meeting with the 19th District Legislators on Dec. 2, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. He asked if three councilmembers are interested in attending the meeting to let him know. 2) He commented that the City, a representative of the Sister City Committee, and representatives from Kelso, Scotland are meeting on Friday 13th, regarding establishing a formal relationship.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Schimmel: Provided an update on the Library Board.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Dan Myers: No report.

Jared Franklin: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

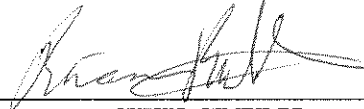
Gary Archer: He commented that Veteran's Day is approaching. He spoke about a recent hunting trip that included a 93-year-old Veteran.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



MAYOR



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