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

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the 1/19/16 Regular Meeting,' motion carried all voting.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

<u>West Main Streetscape Project:</u> Otak Senior Project Manager Tim Kraft provided an update on the project and presented a street and landscape design.

<u>Kelso Police Department Annual Report:</u> Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton provided an informative presentation for the 2015 KPD Annual Report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

## **CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

<u>Rick Von Rock</u>, 400 North 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke about an average monthly billing for utility services.

#### **MOTION ITEMS:**

<u>Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Conservation and Access Easement – Hart's Lake Property:</u> The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO GRANTING A CONSERVATION AND ACCESS EASEMENT OVER THE HART'S LAKE PROPERTY, PARCELS WI36-01-001 and 24125, TO FORTERRA NW,' motion passed, all voting yes.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Steve Taylor: 1) Had City Engineer Mike Kardas brief the Council on funding options for the Yew Street Project and the renovation of Minor Road. Lengthy discussion followed. The Council gave direction for Staff to pursue the funding options discussed for the two projects. 2) Commented that he would like the '15 Minute SWOT' documents back to him by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. 3) Asked that councilmembers who would like to tour the city facilities to let him know. 4) Commented that the scheduling of department orientation sessions for councilmembers is in process.

# **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Jim Hill: Reported on the Project Homeless event that he attended last Thursday.

Nancy Malone: No report.

**Rick Roberson:** Spoke about average monthly billing.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

<u>Larry Alexander:</u> Commented that the Parks Board recently voted in favor of changing the name of the Kelso Commons Park.

**David Futcher:** 1) Commented about the last Airport Board meeting that he attended. 2) Spoke about his recent tour of the Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Station. 3) Reported on a recent meeting with the new Cowlitz County PUD General Manager Steve Kern.

# **WORKSHOP:**

**<u>2016 Open Government Trainings Act:</u>** City Attorney Janean Parker conducted a basic training session regarding public records and open public meetings.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK