

Pastor Mark Schmutz, Northlake Baptist Church, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. Mayor Futcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Larry Alexander, Kim Lefebvre, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Todd McDaniel, and Jim Hill. Councilmember Nancy Malone was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/20/16 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October 20, 2016, as "**Lights On Afterschool Day**" in the City of Kelso. Representatives from Youth and Family Link accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October, as "**Manufacturing Month**" in the City of Kelso.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October, as "**Domestic Violence Action Month**" in the City of Kelso. Emergency Shelter Case Manager Jill Matthews accepted the proclamation.

PRESENTATION:

Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue: Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue Fire Chief Dave LaFave provided an overview on a proposed Capital Improvement Bond that will be a measure in the November General Election. He handed out fliers that provided information about the proposed bond.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout – 2016 Talley Way Overlay Phase II, Lakeside Industries, Inc.**

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

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Carol Zonich, 300 Oak Street property owner, spoke about amending the zoning code to allow a cannabis retailer in the downtown area. She spoke about donating trash cans and benches to the city.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Consultant Agreement – Minor Road Reconstruction Project: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Authorize the City Manager to enter into the contract with OTAK, Inc. for \$324,189.00.’ Councilmembers Alexander, Lefebvre, Roberson, Fatcher, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Collective Bargaining Agreement – Kelso Police Association: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Approve the 2017-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Kelso Police Association.’ City Manager Steve Taylor provided a brief overview of the agreement. Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Southwest Washington Regional Airport (SRWA) Budget: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Approve the SWRA 2017 Budget through Resolution No. 16-1165.’ Councilmembers Alexander, Lefebvre, Roberson, Fatcher, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

2017-2019 State Legislative Agenda: City Manager Taylor presented the proposed 2017-2019 Legislative Biennium Agenda. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Adopt the 2017-2019 Legislative Agenda.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

2017-2018 Budget Workshop: Finance Director Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the proposed preliminary budget. Lengthy discussion followed. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with staff’s recommendation relating to Business & Occupations Utility Tax and new police officer positions.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Reported that Kelso received five applications from homeless and housing related programs requesting funding from Kelso’s document recording fees. The approximate amount is \$35,000. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Allocate the document recording fees evenly between the five applicants.’** Discussion followed. Councilmember Hill motioned to table this item until a later date. Motion failed due to lack of a second. **Mayor Fatcher reiterated the original motion. Motion passed, all voting yes.** The applicants were as follows:

1. Community House on Broadway
2. Lower Columbia Community Action Program
3. Kelso Housing Authority
4. Housing Opportunities of Southwest Washington
5. Emergency Support Shelter

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Provided an update on the West Main Revitalization Project and upcoming projects.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Rick Roberson: Commented that it is nice to see that the Yew Street Project has started.

Kim Lefebvre: Commented that she is glad to see West Kelso shaping up.

Larry Alexander: Announced that on October 15th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., there would be a food drive event at Skippers on 7th Avenue in Longview to help stock the VFW Food Closet

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

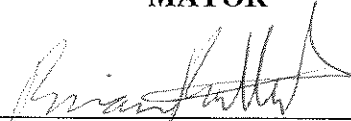
At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee. The executive session is expected to last approximately 15 minutes and no action will be taken. The city attorney was present.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:37 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.



MAYOR



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