

Pastor Chris Davis, Abundant Life Nazarene, 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 Rick Roberson, Jared Franklin, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Gary Archer, Todd McDaniel, and Gary Schimmel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/19/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Association of Washington Cities Well City Award: City Manager Steve Taylor announced that the City of Kelso has received the 2015 Well City Award. He commented that this is the fifth consecutive year that Kelso has received the award.

Library Employee: Kelso Public Library Manager Cindy Donaldson introduced the library's new employee, Sylvia Yarbrough-Hall, to the Council.

Community Solar Power Project: Inovus Representative Justin Loidolt provided a presentation on the LocalSolar Program. This program is state funded and is exclusively for local government and public agency properties. Lengthy discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Direct the staff to move forward and bring back draft documents for consideration,' Councilmembers Roberson, Myers, Futcher, Archer, McDaniel, and Schimmel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion carried, 6 to 1.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

2016-2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. City Engineer/Community Development Director Mike Kardas provided a list and a map of the projects scheduled for the six-year program. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Chris Bornstedt, 119 N. Maple St., spoke about the recent drug related arrests at the Love Overwhelming low barrier shelter.

Teresa Fields, 1330 11th Ave., Longview, spoke about her experience as a former resident at Love Overwhelming.

Danny L. McCracken, 207 Virginia St., spoke about the drug issues related to Love Overwhelming.

Jim Hill, 1100 N. 22nd Ave., spoke about the responsibility lying on the County regarding the Love Overwhelming issues.

Curtis J. Hart, 115 Williams Ave., spoke about graffiti in the city and discarded syringes under the bridge at Catlin St.

Chris Bornstedt, 119 N. Maple St., spoke about enhancing the Nuisance/Abatement Program.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Neighborhood Improvement & Community/Economic Revitalization (NICER)

Program: City Manager Taylor provided a presentation outlining the components of the NICER Program. Discussion followed.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amend KMC 9.04 State Criminal Statutes Adopted:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING CHAPTER 9.04 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE CRIMINAL STATUTES WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY REFERENCE, TO ADOPT AN ADDITIONAL STATUTE BY REFERENCE MAKING IT AN OFFENSE TO FAIL TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER AND RE-ADOPTING THOSE STATUTES WHICH ARE UNCHANGED.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 15-3847 – Wetlands Mitigation Conservation Easement: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Archer, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 15-3847 '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.

Resolution No. 15-1134 – Declare Surplus of Personal Property: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 15-1134, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Brought a draft letter addressed to the County Commissioners regarding concerns relating to Love Overwhelming for Council's consideration. Discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the letter to be sent to the County Commissioners,' motion carried, all voting yes.**

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Announced that there will be a West Main Revitalization Open House event the week of June 22nd.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

David Futcher: Commented about the visit with the delegation from Kelso's Sister City Makinohara, Japan. He read aloud a letter he received from the Mayor of Makinohara.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

Dan Myers: No report.

Jared Franklin: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.



MAYOR



DEPUTY CLERK