

Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. Mayor Futcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jim Hill, Todd McDaniel, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, and Larry Alexander.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/6/16 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring September 22, 2016, as "**Legendary Teacher Day**" in the City of Kelso. Kelso School District Superintendent Glenn Gelbrich accepted the proclamation.

PRESENTATION:

New Kelso Police Officers: Mayor Futcher swore in Police Officer Andrew Drakos and Police Officer Dylan Roberts to the Kelso Police Department followed by the badge pinning ceremony.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,123,836.67

Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,123,836.67,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

AmeriCorps Service Member Michelle Grendahl: provided an update on the activities of the South Kelso Neighborhood Association and Pathways 2020.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2017 Lodging Tax Allocations: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Award the distribution of the Lodging Tax Funds as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee,' motion passed, all voting yes. The allocations were as follows:

- Kelso Highlander Festival - \$15,000
- City of Kelso, Wayfinding Project - \$100,000
- Kelso Longview Chamber, Visitor Information Center - \$54,500

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- Kelso Longview Chamber, Squatch Fest - \$2,500
- LCC Athletics, three (3) sporting events - \$5,000
- LCC Athletics, David Story Field - \$15,000
- Columbia Theatre - \$16,000
- Cowlitz County Museum - \$15,000
- Kelso Babe Ruth - \$10,000
- City of Kelso – Visitor Center - WSDOT Airspace Lease & WCIA Insurance premium - \$1,500

2016 Lodging Tax Allocation Amendment: City Manager Steve Taylor briefed the Council on the proposed amendment regarding Kelso Recreational Council's application request for \$12,000 for the Tam O'Shanter Pavilion to show that the request will be from the City of Kelso for \$25,000. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the amendment to the Kelso Recreational Council application,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Contract Award – South Kelso Drive Water Main: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Award the contract in the amount of \$833,391.87 to Tapani, Inc.' motion carried, all voting yes.

Contract Award – Vista Way Storm Drain Improvements Project: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Award the contract in the amount of \$90,196.20 to Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

Planning Manager Tammy Baraconi: Provided an update on a citizen's request for fencing around the Catlin Spray Park. Lengthy discussion followed. Rick Von Rock spoke from the audience.

Senior Engineer Tim Shell: Provided an update on the West Main Revitalization Project. Lengthy discussion followed.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

City Manager Taylor provided a presentation showing the progress of the 2016 Budget Goals that the Council reviewed at the September 6th council meeting. Staff from each department provided an overview of their goals and activities. Discussion followed. The Council directed Staff to work in two additional police officer positions and one Public Works street position to the upcoming preliminary budget. Other items discussed were a Safe Streets Program, a Neighborhood Blight Program, a Downtown Façade Improvement Program, and a new park in West Kelso.

MOTION ITEMS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Commented that there will be a closed session after the regular meeting to discuss collective bargaining efforts.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: Commented that the Highlander Festival event was very successful this year having a little over 8,000 visitors.

Nancy Malone: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

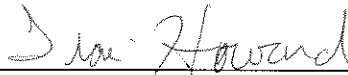
Jim Hill: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



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