

Pastor Chris Davis, Abundant Life Nazarene, 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, David Futcher, Todd McDaniel, Jim Hill, and Nancy Malone. Councilmember Roberson was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the 10/04/16 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Adopt-A-Street Program: Public Works Departmental Assistant Erica Geiszler provided a brief overview of the volunteer based program. She distributed information sheets and registration packets.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 2,765,052.56

Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,765,052.56,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Anchor Point Industrial Site Economic and Engineering Feasibility Study: David Evans & Associates, Project Manager Marc Pudists presented the findings of the study. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt the feasibility study as presented,' motion carried, all voting yes.

2017-2018 Budget – City Utility Rate Adjustment Discussion: City Manager Steve Taylor provided a presentation on the proposed 2017-2018 rate adjustments to the water, sewer, stormwater, and solid waste utilities. A new parcel-based billing process for the stormwater utility was included in the proposal. Lengthy discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Direct Staff to quantify the difference between the amounts expected to be recovered by billing the parcel owners for stormwater utility versus billing the utility users.'** Discussion followed. Councilmembers Alexander, Hill, and Malone voted yes. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Futcher, and McDaniel voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 3. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill,

'Direct Staff to bring back an ordinance with the proposed rates as presented for consideration'. Motion passed, all voting yes

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) -- Business & Occupations Utility Tax Amendment:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 5.05.120 TO INCREASE UTILITY BUSINESS TAX RATES FROM EIGHTEEN PERCENT TO TWENTY PERCENT FOR WATER SEWER AND GARBAGE PROVIDERS.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Fatcher, Lefebvre, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Hill, and Malone voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 3.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Reported that the Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce is proposing a change in the hours the visitor center is open to the public. He will bring forward a revised operating agreement for approval.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney Janean Parker: Informed the Council that SEPA has alternative programs for Environmental Impact Studies that may provide the City with a pre-permit status regarding the Anchor Point Industrial Site.

Utility Operations Manager Devin Mackin: Commented that all went well with the recent storm because the Public Works Department prepared for potential power outages.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

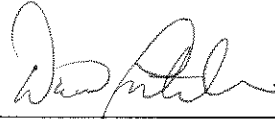
Todd McDaniel: No report.

Jim Hill: 1) Commented that he would like to see the B&O Utility Tax Ordinance come back at 21% for consideration. 2) Spoke about the upcoming relocation of the Love Overwhelming Homeless Shelter. Discussion followed. Council directed Staff to research and report back on what regulatory options the City has if the shelter relocates within the city limits.

Nancy Malone: Had questions for staff.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK