

Chaplain Doug Fields, Cowlitz County Chaplaincy, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor David Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Myers, Schimmel, Roberson, McDaniel, Franklin and Archer.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Archer, 'Approve the Minutes of the 4/01/14 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the month of May, as "**Mental Health Awareness Month**" in the City of Kelso. Lower Columbia Mental Health Director Eric Yakovich accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring April 13th – 19th, as "**National Library Week**" in the City of Kelso. Library Manager Cindy Donaldson accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2014 HOME PROJECT Allocations/CHDO Request for Funding: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. CDBG/HOME Program Coordinator Julie Hourclé provided a presentation of the 2014 HOME Allocation requests. The City of Kelso had \$46,718.53 in available funding. The Foundation for the Challenged Program applied for \$45,000. There were no other applicants. The Consortium Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) allocation, which will assist with operating costs, is 5% of the determined 2014 HOME allocation.

Cowlitz County Planning Manager Melissa Taylor discussed the results from the questionnaire that she gave to the councilmembers at the March 18, 2014, City of Kelso Council Meeting.

There being no further comments from the audience, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the allocation of available funding in the amount of \$46,718.53 to the Foundation for the Challenged Program, and the 5% to the CHDO.' Councilmembers: Myers, Schimmel, Franklin, Roberson, McDaniel and Futcher voted yes. Councilmember Archer voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

PRESENTATION:

Port of Longview: Port of Longview Chief Executive Officer Geir-Eilif Kalhagan provided a presentation of the Port's important role in the economic development of the community. He showed a brief overview of the Port's projects.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout:** Former Salvage Yard Soil Remediation – Anderson Environmental Contracting
2. **Contract Closeout:** Sunrise Street Waterline Replacement – Brookhart Excavation, LLC
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 2,322,149.64

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,322,149.64,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Chloe A. Udd, 1112 South 7th Avenue, spoke about a partially burned house in her neighborhood being a nuisance. She commented that someone was living in the shed on the property with no utility services.

Wallace Hall, 1101 South 3rd Avenue, spoke about having a community garden in the South Kelso area and installing fishing piers at the Mill Street Park area.

Dale Barto, 1114 South 7th Avenue, spoke about the burned house in the neighborhood being a health hazard.

Johann Peters, 512 West Main Street, spoke about the City moving forward on providing assistance to the businesses that are affected by the realignment project.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Police Vehicle Purchase Discussion: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the purchase of two additional Police Department vehicles for general operations,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Amendment to the City Manager Employment Agreement: Mayor Fatcher commented that the amendments provide a monthly allowance for the use and maintenance of the City Manager's personal vehicle and personal phone for City business. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the two amendments to the City Manager Employment Agreement,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Amendment to the City of Longview Building Code/Inspection & Plans: Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the amendment to the City of Longview Interlocal Agreement,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 14-3823 – Liability Insurance Coverage Code Amendment: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 14-3823, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE ASSOCIATED WITH CITY PROGRAMS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Agency is conducting a training session on June 4, 2014, for elected officials and city staff regarding the Consolidated Home Program. 2) Announced that the City of Kelso has been awarded the AWC Well City Award. This is the 4th consecutive year that the City has received this award. 3) Commented that funding assistance will be required for the forthcoming capital improvement projects. He requested that the Council consider employing a State Legislative Lobbying Service. He provided an example of a Request for Proposal for the Council to review.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Rick Roberson: Provided an update on the South Kelso Neighborhood Association. He reached out to the public for help in finding a good location for a community garden in the South Kelso area.

Gary Archer: Provided an update on the 'Big Idea' Board.

Dan Myers: No report.

Jared Franklin: Commented that he met with businesses that are affected by the West Main Realignment Project. He encouraged staff to move forward with finding assistance for these businesses.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

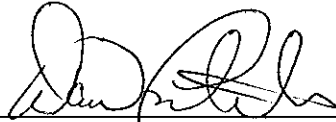
David Futcher: Commented that he would like his fellow councilmembers to individually prioritize three items that the airport is currently involved in; promoting the airport, maintaining service to the current customers and providing for projects. He asked them to get back to him before the next airport board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

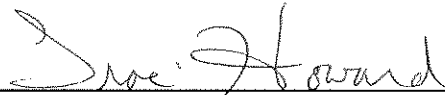
The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. to discuss litigation. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 5 minutes. The Attorney was present and no action was taken.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:11 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.



MAYOR



DEPUTY CLERK