

Father Strazicich, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 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, Lefebvre, Archer, Myers, McDaniel, Schimmel, and Roberson.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/16/12 Special Council Workshop and the 10/16/12 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring the week of **November 12th through November 16th, 2012**, as "**International Education Week**" in the City of Kelso. ASSE Western Regional Director Veryl Anderson accepted the proclamation. Three foreign exchange students from Italy, Tajikistan, and Norway spoke briefly about their countries and expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to experience life here as a student.

PRESENTATION:

Transportation Benefit District: Public Works Director David Sypher spoke about the City having limited revenue to pay for the basic preservation, maintenance and construction of the city's transportation infrastructure. He gave a power point presentation that showed a graph chart revealing how revenues dedicated to the transportation infrastructure have decreased since 2004, and that the annual costs to preserve and maintain the transportation infrastructure have continued to rise. His presentation showed various street issues that would benefit if a Transportation Benefit District was adopted and a \$20 vehicle license fee was enacted. He commented that if the TBD was adopted, a TBD Board would be formed. The Board would be able to take action to impose a \$20 vehicle license fee. A handout was distributed showing a list of the types of vehicles that would fall under the vehicle license fee and the types that would be exempt. His recommendation was that if the TBD was adopted, a public hearing should be held at a TBD Board meeting to take testimony regarding the \$20 Vehicle license fee.

Rick Von Rock, 400 N. 7th Avenue, spoke from the audience. He asked about how many concrete streets are in the City of Kelso. Mayor Futcher commented that the presentation showed 30,000 square feet. Mr. Von Rock asked about how much it would cost to repair Yew Street. Mr. Sypher said the estimated cost is \$1.2 million.

Dale Barto, 1114 S. 7th Avenue, spoke from the audience. He asked if there were any funding to compensate for the wear on the streets from the city buses. Mr. Sypher commented that the Transit Authority does not provide funding for the urban buses to use our streets. He said that buses used for commuting are not categorized as heavy class

vehicles. The garbage trucks are a heavy class vehicle and the City is able to quantify that.

Argie Martin, 2511 Sunrise Street, spoke from the audience and asked for a copy of the list of vehicles that are exempt from a vehicle license fee. Mr. Sypher commented that if Mr. Martin would like to see him after the meeting, he will get Mr. Martin's information so he can forward the list to him.

Councilmember Schimmel asked if there is potential that a Transportation Benefit District could eventually be dissolved. Mr. Sypher commented that that would be up to the Council but it would most likely be an ongoing need.

PUBLIC HEARING – ESTABLISH A TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT

Mayor Futch opened the Public Hearing at 7:31 p.m. Citizens who spoke in favor of the TBD were: Mr. Von Rock, Dale Barto, and Chloe of S. 7th Avenue. Citizens who spoke against the TBD were: Argie Martin and Anthony Currera of 803 S. 6th Avenue. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Futch closed the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract, Animal Control, 2013 – Humane Society**
2. **Appointments, Court Judge Pro Tems, 2013 – Cowlitz County District Court**
3. **Liquor License Renewal – Border Stop Market , 424 Long Avenue**
4. **Appointment, Planning Commission Position #7 – James Webb**
5. **Appointment, Three Rivers Regional Waste Water Authority Alternate – City Manager Steve Taylor**
6. **MOU, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue Service Fee, 2013**

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

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Tim Goodman, Comcast Cable Government Affairs Manager, presented a sponsorship check in the amount of \$500 for the City of Kelso 'Tree Lighting Event.' Tree Lighting Chairperson Cindy Donaldson accepted the check.

Dale Barto, 1114 S. 7th Avenue, spoke about a condemned house located on the 1100 block of South 7th Avenue. He commented that it has fire damage and it has been boarded up but no one has done anything else to get rid of it. He spoke of people living in a garage at that location with no running water or power.

Mary Hagle, 1110 S. 7th Avenue, spoke about concerns in her neighborhood. She commented that there have been occurrences of mail theft; there is a potential drug house on the street, and there is a menacing group of people that are harassing people when they are outside. She commented that the police department has been contacted regarding these matters but she has received little response. Discussion followed.

Jeri Udd, 1112 S. 7th Avenue, spoke about a group of people that are harassing people in her neighborhood. She commented that there have been observed drug dealings across the street from her home.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Enact & Establish a Transportation Benefit District:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE KELSO CITY CODE TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 3.65 KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, SPECIFYING THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, SPECIFYING THE MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF EXISTING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.’

Councilmember Schimmel spoke against the establishment of a Transportation Benefit District. Councilmember Myers spoke in favor of it. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Roberson, McDaniel, Myers, Lefebvre, and Futchter voted yes. Councilmembers Schimmel and Archer voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Setting the 2013 Property Tax Levy Amount: The

Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1, 368,390 FOR THE 2013 BUDGET OF THE CITY,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Utility Tax Increase: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘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 PROVIDERS,’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 12-3776 – Property Condemnation: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 12-3776, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE

CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION BY EMINENT DOMAIN OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE WEST MAIN REALIGNMENT STREET PROJECT, DECLARING PUBLIC USE AND NECESSITY FOR LAND AND PROPERTY TO BE CONDEMNED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION, TAKING AND DAMAGING OF PROPERTY THEREFORE, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT THEREFORE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE SUCH ACTION IN THE EVENT DIRECT PURCHASE EFFORTS ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 12-3777 – Prohibit Tobacco Use in City Parks: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Archer, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 12-3777, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 12.20 TO PROHIBIT TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS EXCEPT IN DESIGNATED AREAS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 12-1070 – Increase Regular Property Tax Levy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Pass Resolution No. 12-1070, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 12-1071 – Adopt Employee Personnel Policy Handbook Changes: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 12-1071, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-1054 AND ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK APPLYING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS INDICATED THEREIN AND ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS TO CITY EMPLOYEES,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Gave an update on the status of the City considering a donation of office space at the train depot to Lower Columbia Community Action Plan. LCAP will use this space for the coordination of their Medicare/Medicaid rural transportation program. He asked the Council for direction regarding the agreement with LCAP for the donation of the train depot office space. Councilmember Schimmel seconded by Councilmember

Lefebvre, 'Authorize to enter into agreement for LCAP to use office space at the train depot,' motion carried, all voting yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report. Councilmember Archer asked Ms. Parker about archiving his City of Kelso emails. Discussion followed. Mr. Taylor commented that there has been recent discussion of having WCIA provide training on the rules of public records and public meetings.

David Sypher: 1) The Public Works crew is preparing for the winter weather. 2) The transferring process of the airport administration to the Airport Governance Board is on schedule.

Nancy Malone: 1) A Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for November 13th, at 7:00 p.m. Parametrix will be doing a presentation on the Shoreline Master Program Update Visioning Overview. It will be held in the City of Kelso Council Chambers. 2) Hickory Hogs Barbecue Restaurant is scheduled to open on Friday, November 9th, at 9:00 a.m. 3) The Community Development Department issued 31 building permits in October 2012. 4) Information is being compiled for another grant application to assist in the funding of the Brownfield clean up project.

Cindy Donaldson: 1) Gave an update on the library's recent activities and events. 2) The Tree Lighting Committee is working hard preparing for the Tree Lighting Event on November 30th. 3) The December book discussion group meeting is scheduled on December 10th, at 6:00 p.m. The book is 'Lean on Pete' written by Willy Vlautin.

Chief Andrew Hamilton: Officers are gearing up for 'Black Friday' on November 23rd, and the 'Shop with a Cop' event on December 8th.

Brian Butterfield: Reminded everyone that there will be a 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing on November 20th, at 6:00 p.m. A hard copy of the 2013-2014 Preliminary Budget is available.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: Community Transit Authority has some new personnel and bus route changes. CTA has requested an alternate to be appointed from the City of Kelso. **With the consensus of the Council, Mayor Fletcher appointed Councilmember Schimmel to the alternate position on the CTA Board.**

Gary Schimmel: 1) Commended Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue for the leadership they have shown over the last few years in dealing with this stressed economy. 2) He stated that it is good to see that James Webb is involved in city business again.

Kim Lefebvre: The Big Idea Board would like to have an alternate appointed from the City of Kelso. **With the consensus of the Council, Mayor Futcher appointed Councilmember Archer to the alternate position on the Big Idea Board.**

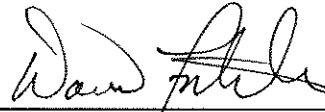
Todd McDaniel: 1) Reported that the new CUBS bus routes will begin November 23rd.
2) The Kelso High School football game will be in Seattle at the coliseum on November 10th, at 7:00 p.m. They are playing Eastside Catholic.

Gary Archer: No report.

Dan Myers: Commented that the leaves at his home are giving him a real fight this year.

David Futcher: KLTV will have an election season wrap show on local matters. It will show tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



MAYOR



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