

Pastor Vonda McFadden, Kelso First United Methodist 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 Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were Jared Franklin, Gary Archer, Dan Myers, David Futcher, Todd McDaniel, Gary Schimmel, and Rick Roberson.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/04/15 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG):** CWCOG Executive Director Bill Fashing provided a brief overview highlighting the agency's profile and services that the CWCOG provides in the community. He distributed a packet that contained information about CWCOG memberships, staff, upcoming events, and the Cowlitz County Metropolitan/Regional Transportation Plan 2015-2036.

**Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority (TRRWA):** TRRWA Board Chairman Jeff Cameron provided a presentation regarding a proposal to change the TRRWA governance from the current multi-agency partnership to a Joint Municipal Utility Authority.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,544,257.28

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,544,257.28,' Councilmembers Archer, Myers, Futcher, McDaniel, Schimmel, and Roberson voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

**CITIZEN BUSINESS:**

**Tonya Schmeichel,** 1423 Ross Avenue, spoke about the drug problem in Kelso.

**Daniel L. Baumfalk,** 2828 Allen Street, spoke about the transient problem in Kelso.

**Rick Von Rock,** 400 N 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, spoke about the speed bumps on the backside of Riverway Plaza and about the use of parks during private party reservations.

**Adena Grigsby,** 109 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, spoke about the Love Overwhelming Low Barrier Shelter.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Nuisance Abatement Code amending Chapter 8.24 and adding Chapter 15.04 Property Maintenance:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE CITY’S PROCEDURES FOR ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES BY ADOPTING A REVISED CHAPTER 8.24 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 15.04 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPEALING 15.03.140.’ City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the proposed amendments and new chapter. Discussion followed.

**Jim Hill**, 1100 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, spoke from the audience about the procedure for attaining compliance.

Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Nuisance Abatement Code Adopting new Chapter 1.50 Code Enforcement:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Archer, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT BY ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 1.50 CODE ENFORCEMENT TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE.’ City Attorney Parker provided an overview of the proposed policy. Lengthy deliberation followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, ‘Lower the initial penalty from \$200 per day to \$10.00 per day.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Schimmel and Franklin voted yes. Councilmember Archer, Myers, Futch, McDaniel, and Roberson voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 5. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, ‘Change the language in Chapter 1.50.230 (1) (a), to show that the monetary penalty shall be up to \$200 per week instead of \$200 per day.’ Councilmembers Schimmel and Franklin voted yes. Councilmembers Archer, Myers, Futch, McDaniel, and Roberson voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 5. Discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, ‘Change the language in Chapter 1.50.230 (1) by removing ‘per day’ in paragraph (a) and adding a new paragraph showing that the initial penalty will be \$200. After the initial 2-week period, the penalty will be \$300. If compliance is not attained within 2 weeks from that point, the penalty will increase to \$400 for each subsequent 2 week periods.’ Councilmembers Franklin, Archer, Myers, Futch, and Roberson voted yes. Councilmembers McDaniel and Schimmel voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Franklin, ‘Table the original motion to pass the ordinance on first reading.’ Councilmembers Franklin, Archer, Schimmel, and**

Roberson voted yes. Councilmember Futcher, McDaniel, and Myers voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

**Resolution No. 15-1138 – Cancellation of Unclaimed Warrants:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 15-1138, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO CANCELLING CERTAIN WARRANTS OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO RCW 39.56.040.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** 1) Presented a proposal from the City of Longview regarding cost sharing on a Way Finding Signage project. He asked the Council to consider using the 'Big Idea' monies designated to Kelso in 2017. 2) Provided an update regarding the Love Overwhelming Low Barrier Shelter.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

**Chief Andrew Hamilton:** Spoke about abusing the 911 System.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** Reported on upcoming paving projects.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Rick Roberson:** 1) Spoke about used syringes discarded in public places. He provided an update on his granddaughter. 2) Provided an update on the Southwest Washington Economic Development Commission.

**Gary Schimmel:** Provided a report on the combined 911 Council and 911 Board meeting.

**Todd McDaniel:** Provided an update on the River Cities Transit and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

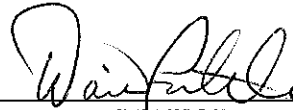
**Dan Myers:** Commented on the CWCOG Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

**Gary Archer:** No report.

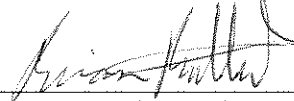
**Jared Franklin:** Commented about the auditing of accounts agenda item.

**David Futcher:** No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



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MAYOR



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CITY CLERK