

Pastor Jerry Dahlke, North Gate City 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: Schimmel, Franklin, Myers, Futcher, Archer, Roberson and McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/20/14 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2014-2019 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. City Engineer/Community Development Director Mike Kardas provided a list of the 4 projects in which the City is seeking funding for over the next few years. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

2014-2018 Consolidated Plan – HOME Program: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm. Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Planning Manager Melissa Taylor provided a presentation showing the highlights of the Longview and Kelso Consolidated Plan. She discussed the housing needs that were identified for Kelso through public outreach and workshops. The following citizens spoke from the audience:

- Anthony Currena, 803 South 6th Avenue
- Nicole Mackey, 1106 South 3rd Avenue
- Adina Grigsby, 1109 South 3rd Avenue

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Interlocal Agreement:** Cowlitz County, Rural Economic Development Grant Funds – Visitors Center Parking Lot Improvements
2. **Interlocal Agreement:** Cowlitz County, Rural Economic Development Grant Funds – West Main Street Revitalization Project

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

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Robert M. Rice, 601 North 7th Avenue, spoke about a City of Kelso sidewalk policy. He spoke of green water leaking from the ground where the steps are located at the

intersection of Church and 5th Street. He commented that the lawn in that area is too high and should be mowed.

Rick Von Rock, 400 North 7th Avenue, spoke about increasing the minimum wage in Cowlitz County.

Johann Peters, 512 West Main Street, spoke about keeping the west end of West Main Street open for traffic flow.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2014-2018 Consolidated Plan Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt the Consolidated Plan as presented in draft form.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers: Futch, Franklin, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel and Roberson voted yes. Councilmember Archer voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

2015-2016 Budget Goals Discussion: City Manager Steve Taylor provided a review of the 2014 Budget Goals and Action Plans. He presented a list of the staff's major priorities for the upcoming years. Lengthy discussion followed. The Council gave direction for staff to make the revisions to the action plans that were discussed and incorporate them into the next biennial budget.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Energy Transmission Facilities Franchise Renewal:

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 GRANTING TO WEYERHAEUSER NR COMPANY, NORTH PACIFIC PAPER CORPORATION AND SOLVAY CHEMICALS, INC., THEIR SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY (20) YEARS, THE RIGHT AND FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE ENERGY TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITHIN CERTAIN DESCRIBED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KELSO.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 14-1118 – Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 14-1118, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY'S HEARING EXAMINER.' Councilmembers: Schimmel, Myers, Futch, Archer, Roberson and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmember Franklin voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 14-1119 – Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP): The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘Pass Resolution No. 14-1119, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-1088 AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF KELSO MONIES IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Reported that the Council Rules of Procedure Task Force met last week. The meeting resulted in a few amendments to the policy. The amendments will be brought to Council for consideration. 2) Commented that 3 of our 7 councilmembers will be attending the 2014 Annual Association Washington Cities Conference in Spokane so there will be 3 councilmembers absent from the June 17th regular meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director Brian Butterfield: 1) Reported that there are 2 outstanding public works trust fund loans that are nearing the end of their term. One loan is for the Allen Street Bridge and the other loan is for the retaining wall project on North 16th Avenue. He commented that since the two loans are at a higher interest rate than the current LGIP rate of .1%, an early payoff of these loans would create a savings of about \$33,000. **Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Authorize the repayment of the two mentioned loans,’ motion passed, all voting yes.** 2) Announced that the state audit has started and that there is an entrance conference scheduled on June 6th, at 9:30 a.m., at city hall.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: Reported on the last Lower Columbia Community Action Council meeting.

Rick Roberson: 1) Reported on the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association 2014 Spring Fling event that was held last Saturday. 2) Reported on the Day of Kindness event he attended last Sunday.

Gary Archer: No report.

Dan Myers: 1) Spoke against the use of trees in the street scape design for the West Main Realignment Project. He commented that trees will create maintenance issues and, eventually, sidewalk problems. Murals, shrubbery and flowers can be used to beautify the street scape. He asked staff to consider this when they are planning for projects.

Jared Franklin: 1) Thanked Larry Alexander for coordinating the cleanup event at the Commons Park last weekend. 2) Thanked Wally and Clarice Hall for their hard work on cleaning up the area between Allen Street Bridge and downtown last Sunday and Monday.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

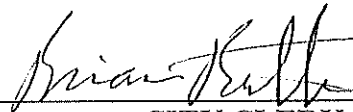
At 7:44 p.m. Mayor Futcher announced that the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 5 minutes and no action will be taken. The city attorney was present.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:49 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK