

Pastor Marv Kasemeier, New Song Worship Center, 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 Kim Lefebvre, Larry Alexander, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Nancy Malone, Jim Hill, and Todd McDaniel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 1/5/16 Regular Meeting.' Councilmember Roberson commented that the two Council assignments for the TRRWA Governing Board were not in the correct position. Mayor Futcher commented that the minutes would be confirmed and corrected if needed. With the correction noted by Councilmember Roberson, motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

West Kelso Subarea Plan: BERK Consulting Project Manager Jeff Arango presented the full draft plan. The Planning Commission joined the meeting for the presentation. Board members in attendance were Rick Von Rock, Daniel Graves, Charles Hendrickson, and Clark Hislop. Board Member James Webb was absent.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 1,404,554.12

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$ 1,404,554.12,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Rick Von Rock, 400 North 7th Avenue, spoke about changing the name of the Commons Park. He spoke about considering an ordinance establishing a provision to prohibit plastic carryout shopping bags in the city. He distributed a draft ordinance to the Council.

Gregory Donges, 606 North 23rd Avenue, spoke about installing streetlights on his street. He presented a picture of his street to the Council.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Real Estate Services Discussion (previously tabled at the January 5, 2016 Council Meeting): Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Woodford Commercial Real Estate,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Introduction of new employee: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas introduced Tim Shell as a new Senior Engineer with the City.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Amending Nuisance Abatement relating to Shopping Carts Regulations: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO SHOPPING CART THEFT AND REGULATION AMENDING 9A.56.270 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 9.62 SHOPPING CART CONTROL TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE.’ City Manager Taylor provided an overview of the proposed amendments and new chapter to the ordinance. Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Proposed scheduling a Goal and Action Work Plan Discussion for the February 2nd Council Meeting. Councilmember McDaniel commented that he would be absent that meeting. Mayor Fatcher suggested scheduling the Goal and Action Work Plan Discussion so that all of the councilmembers would be able to attend. **With the consensus of the Council, the Goal and Action Work Plan Discussion was placed on the agenda for the February 16th Council Meeting.** 2) He asked that the Councilmembers interested in attending the AWC Conference on January 27th & 28th need to contact Jessica. 3) He brought forward a proposed amendment to the agreement with Gregg Dohrn and Associates. Discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, Seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre ‘Amend the agreement with Gregg Dohrn and Associates to \$125, 000 maximum,’ motion passed, all voting yes.** 4) Commented that the Open Public Meeting (OPM) Training requirement for newly elected officials needed to be scheduled. **With consensus of the Council, the OPM training session was scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm. on the night of the Feb. 2nd Regular Council Meeting.** 5) Provided an update on the Airport Manager position. 6) He provided an update on the transitioning positions in the Community Development and Engineering Departments and updates on positions in the Water/Sewer, and Police Departments.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Todd McDaniel: Encouraged the Council to consider an ordinance regarding prohibiting plastic bags.

Jim Hill: Spoke in favor of a plastic bag ordinance.

Nancy Malone: No report.

Rick Roberson: 1) Spoke in favor of a plastic bag ordinance. 2) Encouraged people to sign up for the 2016 Citizens' Police Academy.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Spoke in favor of a plastic bag ordinance.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss potential litigation. The executive session was expected to last approximately 5 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 7:51 p.m., Mayor Futcher announced that executive session would be extended by 5 more minutes.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:59 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.



MAYOR



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