

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 David Futcher. Councilmembers in attendance were: Myers, Roberson, McDaniel, Schimmel, and Futcher. Councilmembers Archer and Franklin were absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/21/14 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Declare Surplus of Personal Property – Utility Vehicles: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

CITIZEN BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Computer Support Services Agreement – Compass Lane, Inc: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Agreement with Compass Lane, Inc.,' motion carried, all voting yes.

2015 State Legislative Agenda: Briahna Taylor and Alex Soldano of Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs provided a briefing to the Council regarding what to expect in the upcoming legislative session. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the City of Kelso 2015-2017 Biennium State Legislative Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

2015-2016 Budget Discussion: Finance Director Brian Butterfield commented that the preliminary budget will be available to the public after Friday, November 7, 2014, and that a final hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the November 18, 2014, Regular Council Meeting.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Setting 2015 Property Tax Levy Amount: 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 FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,411,235 FOR THE 2015 BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) B&O Utility Tax Rate Increase: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, 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 SEWER AND GARBAGE PROVIDERS.' Councilmember Schimmel made a move to amend the motion to put a 12 month term on the rate increase. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilmembers Futcher, McDaniel, Myers, and Roberson voted yes. Councilmember Schimmel voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Resolution No. 14-1125 – Emergency Repair Work at 13th Ave. & Chestnut St: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 14-1125, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING THE EXPLORATORY EXCAVATION AT THE INTERSECTION OF S. 13TH AVENUE AND CHESTNUT STREET TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVES CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 14-1126 – Emergency Repair Work at Minor Rd. & Allen St: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 14-1126, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING THE CLEANING AND INSPECTION OF THE LARGE DIAMETER STORM DRAIN ON MINOR ROAD TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVES CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING.'

Unidentified Citizen, spoke from the audience about the process for contracting emergency work.

Rick Von Rock, 400 North 7th Avenue, spoke from the audience about to whom the responsibility lays concerning the costs of the repair work.

Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 14-1127 – Declare Surplus of Personal Property: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 14-1127, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS AND SALE OF CERTAIN UTILITY PROPERTY,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Commented that an executive session will be needed tonight.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Roberson: No report.

Dan Myers: No report.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Gary Schimmel: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

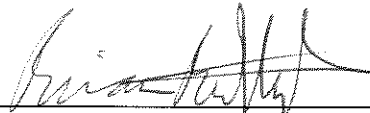
The Council convened into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and an evaluation of an employee. It was announced that the execution session was expected to last approximately 10 minutes and that there may be action taken. The city attorney was present for the pending litigation segment.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:45 p.m. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, '**Authorize the Mayor to enter into and complete negotiations with the City Manager regarding amendments to the salary compensation section of his employment agreement,**' motion carried, all voting yes.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK