

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: Futcher, Lefebvre, Archer, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Schimmel.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/26/13 Special Council Workshop and the 3/5/13 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring *March 2013* as "American Red Cross Month" in the City of Kelso. American Red Cross Community Partners Director Suzanne Arnits accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING(S):

Vacation of Property – SW 7th Street: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed Council on the vacation of SW 7th Street proposal. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Water Use Efficiency Program: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Kennedy Jenks Senior Engineer Dan Sander gave a power point presentation on the Water Use Efficiency Program. Rick Von Rock commented from the audience. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Adoption of the Water System Plan: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. Kennedy Jenks Senior Engineer Dan Sander gave a power point presentation on the proposed Water System Plan and its part in the 6 year Capital Improvement Program. Citizens that spoke from the audience were Anthony Currena and Rick Von Rock. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION(S):

2012 Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Annual Report: COG Executive Director Steve Harvey briefed the Council on the 2012 CWCOG Annual Report. A written report was provided in the council agenda packets.

2012 Public Works Annual Report: Public Works Director David Sypher gave a power point presentation that highlighted the Public Works Department events, projects and programs in 2012. A written 2012 Public Works Report was distributed to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Fireworks Permits:** a) Kelso Recreational Council (2 stands), b) Kelso Kiwanis (1 stand)
2. **Authorization:** Neighborhood Stabilization Program – Write off uncollectible accounts
3. **Contract:** Cowlitz County – Reimbursable Work
4. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$4,049,939.15

Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$4,049,939.15,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Rick Von Rock, 400 N 7th Avenue, spoke of the month of March being "National Women's History Month."

Anthony Currera, 803 S 6th Avenue, spoke of modifying the ordinance to allow a tethered dog on the sidewalk.

Highlander Festival Committee Board Member Larry Alexander requested a contingency fund of \$7,000 to secure the headliner band for the Highlander Festival. City Manager Steve Taylor commented that this would come out of the general fund. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Authorize the contingency fund of up to \$7,000 to the Highlander Festival Fund,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cable Franchise (Public, Education, Government Improvements) Discussion: City Manager Steve Taylor spoke of Cowlitz County currently being in negotiations of a franchise agreement with Comcast involving a PEG capital disbursement proposal. KLTV sees this as an opportunity by way of an interlocal agreement of the Cities and the County to share the cost of an upgrade of KLTV's current broadcasting system to 'High Definition.' KLTV Executive Director Barry Verle spoke of the equipment costs for the upgrade and the benefits of keeping up with broadcasting technology. Mr. Taylor commented that the staff is seeking direction from Council whether to move forward with an interlocal agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by

Councilmember Roberson, 'Authorize staff to prepare an agreement for HD Broadcasting for the Council to consider,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – SW 7th Avenue Street Vacation: 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 VACATING A PORTION OF 7TH AVENUE IN THE CITY OF KELSO TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 13-3797 – NSF Fees: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 13-3797, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2978, CODIFIED AS KMC 3.32.030 REGARDING PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR DRAFTS OR CHECKS TENDERED TO THE CITY AND RETURNED FOR NON SUFFICIENT FUNDS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 13-1083 – Position Classification: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 13-1083, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-1054 AND ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK RELATED TO THE SALARY CLASSIFICATION MATRIX AND EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS AUTHORIZED THEREIN.' Councilmembers Fatcher, Myers, Schimmel, McDaniel, Archer, and Roberson voted yes. Councilmember Lefebvre voted no. Motion carried, 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 13-1084 – Adopt Water System Plan: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Myers, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Pass Resolution No. 13-1084, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2012 CITY OF KELSO WATER SYSTEM PLAN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Gave a brief report on the last Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting regarding the visitor center. 2) The iPad Training Workshop for Council will be held on April 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Individual training will be provided for those who cannot attend the workshop. 3) The Council Retreat is scheduled for May 3, 2013, 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. The location has yet to be determined.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Director David Sypher gave an update report on the Catlin Street sewer line emergency work.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Schimmel: Gave a brief update report on the last Library Board meeting and the last Cowlitz County 911 Council meeting.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Todd McDaniel: 1) Gave a brief update report on the last Cowlitz Transit Authority Board meeting. 2) He commented that tickets are still available for the Deputy's Association fundraiser event 'Comedy Night.' It will be held on April 13th, at 8:30 p.m. at the Kelso Theatre Pub.

Dan Myers: No report.

Gary Archer: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. to discuss land acquisition and collective bargaining negotiations. The Executive Session is expected to last approximately 20 minutes. The attorney was present and no action will be taken.

At 8:35 p.m., City Attorney Janean Parker announced that the Executive Session will be extended approximately 10 more minutes.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:50 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:50p.m.



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