

Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Keenan Harvey, Nancy Malone, David Futcher, Lisa Alexander, and Mike Karnofski. Councilmember Kim Lefebvre was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/18/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Kelso Police Department Oath of Office: Chief of Police Darr Kirk administered the oath to the department's new Patrol Sergeant Aaron Marthaller. Mrs. Marthaller pinned the badge.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Russ Brewer, from Castle Rock, spoke about legalizing the use of ATVs on city streets.

Jerry Harris, from Kelso, spoke about an ordinance legalizing the use of ATV side by sides on city streets. He distributed relating documents.

Gary Down, from Longview, spoke about legalizing the use of ATVs on city streets.

Michael Durand, from Kelso, spoke about homeless encampments.

Calvin Miller, from Kelso, spoke about the City revising the facility use agreement for the Rister Stadium.

John Jabusch, Kelso High School Baseball Booster Club President, spoke about the City revising the facility use agreement for the Rister Stadium.

Robert Hall, from Kelso, spoke about the City revising the facility use agreement for the Rister Stadium.

Rich Carle, Kelso Senior Center Secretary, promoted the 'The Longest Day' event on Saturday, June 20th, at the Kelso Senior Center. He distributed fliers and provided a written proclamation to the Mayor.

PRESENTATION:

Public Works Department Annual Report: Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson provided an overview highlighting projects and events for the year 2019 from

each division of the department.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Appointment:** Robert Heuer to the Civil Service Commission
2. **Appointment:** Will Rollet to the Library Advisory Board

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion – Council Rules and Procedures Review: City Manager Hamilton opened the discussion. It was the consensus of the Council to have City Manager Hamilton bring this item back at the first regular meeting in April.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Budget Revision #2 for the 2020 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers McAllister, Harvey, Malone, Futch, and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Resolution No. 20-1226 – Declare Surplus of Certain City Vehicles: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 20-1226, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about various meetings he had recently attended. 2) Announced that the City of Kelso had received the Association of Washington Cities 2020 Wellness Award. 3) Provided an update on the Kelso Police Association contract negotiations. 4) Commented that the next Ad Hoc Committee meeting regarding encampments for the homeless was March 13th. 5) Commented that the clean-up event

for downtown Kelso was April 18th. 6) Asked for the Council's direction regarding the facility use agreement for the Rister Stadium with Kelso Babe Ruth. Discussion followed. **Council directed staff to move forward with incorporating Kelso High School into the facility use agreement.**

Police Chief Darr Kirk: Provided an update on two vacant positions in the police department. **He reported that they have the opportunity for a lateral to apply but the officer is under a 3-year contract with another agency. He asked for Council's approval to buy the officer out of that contract for \$2,500. The consensus of the Council was to move forward with the buyout of the lateral's contract.**

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: 1) Provided an update on the proposed amendment to House Bill 1242. 2) Reported on the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting he recently attended. 3) Commented that the Kelso Business Association would meet this Thursday, 9:00 AM, at the Cowlitz County Historical Museum.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Ad Hoc Committee for the Homeless meeting she recently attended. 2) Commented that the next South Kelso Revitalization Association meeting was March 18th, at 5:30 PM.


David Futcher: No report.


Keenan Harvey: Reported on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting he recently attended.

Jeffrey McAllister: 1) Commented that the next North Kelso Neighborhood Watch meeting was March 21st, at 3 PM. 2) Commented that the Safe Routes to School grant application should refer to the neighborhoods near Barnes Elementary School and Huntington Middle School.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:33 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK