

Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, Richard McCaine, and Nancy Malone.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 12/15/20 Regular Meeting' motion passed, all voting yes. Councilmember McCain was not included in this vote.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield administered the oath to Richard McCaine to Council Position No. 4. He was appointed to the position at the special meeting prior to this regular meeting.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a COVID-19 status update. 2) Congratulated Richard McCaine as the new City of Kelso Councilmember. 3) Mentioned various meetings he recently attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Reported on a Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs briefing he recently attended. He commented that there will be bills presented at the state legislative session that would affect law enforcement. 2) Spoke about the 'Polar Bear Plunge' fund raiser event for the Special Olympics. Event information can be found on the Kelso Police Facebook Page. 3) Commented that COVID-19 testing for returning to work continues at the Cowlitz County Fairgrounds.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: 1) Announced that the Kelso Library had recently opened an advantage plan account for eBook services. 2) Reminder that curbside service and appointments for various library services continue.

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: 1) Commented that the weather has been favorable for operations. 2) Commented that the departments are working on year-end inventory. 3) Provided an update on the two open positions in the water department.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on the Chamber Board meeting he attended.

Kim Lefebvre: No report. Welcomed Mr. McCaine to the Council.


Lisa Knight Alexander: No report. Welcomed Mr. McCaine to the Council.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Oversight Board meeting he attended. 2) Reported that Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments (COG) and Community Economic Development Council are forming a community investment network. A meeting is scheduled for January 13th, on the process. Interested businesses can get more information on the COG website. 3) Mentioned that Mr. Rod Wright had recently passed. He was a regular attendee at the council meetings. 4) Welcomed Mr. McCaine to the Council.


Richard McCaine: Thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve on the Council.

Nancy Malone: Welcomed Mr. McCaine to the Council. Commented that the City Council Standing Committee/Board assignments would be discussed at the next council meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.



MAYOR



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