

Pastor Brian Cummings, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jim Hill, Jeff McAllister, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, and Mike Karnofski. Councilmembers David Futcher and Larry Alexander were absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/06/18 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Employee Recognitions: Kelso Police Department Captain Darr Kirk introduced John Freeman as a new officer to the police force. He announced that Records Specialist Patty Stevens would be retiring next week after 14 years with the department. Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson introduced Kevin Sparks as the new General Maintenance Technician to the Public Works Department.

PRESENTATIONS:

Finance Department 2017 Annual Report: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided a presentation describing the various responsibilities and reporting duties of the department.

Public Works Department 2017 Annual Report: Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson provided the 2017 Annual Report.

Engineering/Community Development Department 2017 Annual Report: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided an overview of last year's activities in the Community Development Department, the Nuisance/Abatement Division, the Building/Planning Division, and the Engineering Department.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Melissa Dasher, from Kelso, spoke about poverty-stricken people as it relates to mental illness.

Chad Kenmore, spoke about getting help to clean up transient camps behind the train tracks along the Cowlitz River.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 2,624,901.95

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,624,901.95,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Kelso Housing Authority Appointments: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Appoint Gary Schimmel and Todd Wade to the Kelso Housing Authority,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Cowlitz 911 Public Authority Board Appointments: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Appoint Kelso City Manager Steve Taylor as a Primary and Kelso Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton as an Alternate to the Cowlitz 911 Public Authority Board.' Rick Von Rock spoke from the audience about liability concerns. Discussion followed. Mayor Malone reiterated the motion. The motion carried, all voting yes.

Animal Control Services (ACS) Workshop Discussion: City Manager Taylor provided an update on the contract negotiations with the ACS. City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the proposed agreement. Discussion followed. Citizens that spoke from the audience were as follows:

- Tonya Hogg, Longview
- Rebecca Rodriguez, One Animal World Representative Clark County

The Council directed staff to request a meeting with the ACS Board.

MOTION ITEMS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Announced that the City would be applying for a \$500,000 Cowlitz County Rural Public Facilities Grant. 2) Announced that the new Stormwater bills had been sent out. He spoke about Boundary Line Adjustment fees.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: No report.

Jeff McAllister: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:24 p.m., Mayor Malone announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss the purchase price of certain real estate. The executive session was expected to last approximately 10 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 8:31 p.m., It was announced that the executive session would be extended 10 minutes.

At 8:36 p.m., Councilmember Hill exited the executive session due to a conflict of interest.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:46 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.



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