

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, 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 Jeff McAllister, Larry Alexander, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, David Futcher, and Jim Hill. Councilmember Mike Karnofski was absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the minutes of the 4/03/18 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**2018 Association of Washington Cities WellCity Award:** City Manager Steve Taylor presented the award. He commented that the City of Kelso had been the recipient of this award for 8 consecutive years.

**Kelso Housing Authority (Walk-on Item):** Kelso Housing Authority (KHA) Executive Director Joleen Reece spoke about the KHA mission. A flyer showing programs provided by the KHA was distributed.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

**Steve T. Larson,** from Longview, spoke about the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

**Chris Paolini,** Southwest Washington Regional Airport Manager, briefed the Council on the Airport Master Plan Update. He commented that the first meeting of the Master Plan Update would be May 2, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and that the public was invited.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,071,643.85

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,071,643.85,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**2018 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Requests:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the funding requests as recommended by the LTAC.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers McAllister, Alexander, Lefebvre, Malone, and Futcher voted yes.

Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1. The funding allocations were as follows:

- \$2,000.00 – South Kelso Neighborhood Association (Uncaged Cycles Event)
- \$1,000.00 – City of Longview Parks & Rec.
- \$15,000.00 – Kelso Babe Ruth

**Contract Award – South Pacific Avenue Pavement Restoration:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Award the pavement restoration project to NW Construction General Contracting, Inc. for \$1,274,450.93.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Contract Closeout – Minor Road Improvements Project, Advanced Excavating Specialists (Walk-on Item):** Community Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas commented that the end cost of said project overran what was originally approved, therefore, the closeout required approval by the Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Approve the final quantity reconciliation and closeout of the Minor Road Project in the amount of \$1,277,770.63.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Jerry Reagor,** from Kelso, spoke from the audience about Minor Road and the upcoming Hazel Street Overpass Project.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Severe Weather Shelter Code:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘Approve the Severe Weather Shelter Code.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Futcher, and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers McAllister, Alexander, and Malone, voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 3.

**WORKSHOP:**

**South Kelso Unincorporated Islands Discussion:** City Manager Taylor commented that in 2017, the Council directed Staff to move forward with the process of placing the annexation on the ballot. This item was also included in the 2018 Budget Goals and Actions Plan adopted last February. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Direct Staff to abandon the process to have the annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands on the ballot and to remove it from the 2018 Budget Goals and Actions Plan’ ‘Direct Staff to abandon the process of preparing an annexation item for the ballot as outlined in last year’s workshops’. Mayor Malone reiterated the motion ‘The motion is made, and seconded, to abandon the motion to put this on the ballot for consideration. So, to direct Staff to remove this from the workplan.’ Councilmembers Malone, Lefebvre, Hill, and Futcher voted yes. Councilmembers McAllister and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

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**Steve Taylor:** 1) Commented that the City of Kelso Sister City, Makinohara, Japan, had asked for an introduction statement of Kelso. He provided a draft statement for Mayor Malone to consider and sign. He commented that Mariko Fujita, from the City of Makinohara, would be visiting Kelso on August 10, 2018. 2) He spoke about a new financial software program that Staff would be bringing to the Council for consideration.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** Updated the Council on current projects.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Jeff McAllister:** No report.

**Larry Alexander:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**David Futcher:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** Asked his fellow councilmembers to provide input to the Cowlitz County Homeless Housing Task Force on the proposed Cowlitz County Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

**Nancy Malone:** No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

  
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Deputy **MAYOR**

  
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**DEPUTY CLERK**