

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, from 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 Mike Karnofski, David Futcher, Nancy Malone, Jim Hill, and Jeffrey McAllister. Councilmembers absent were Kim Lefebvre and Larry Alexander.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the 10/02/18 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Councilmember Futcher arrived at 6:02 p.m. and not in attendance the time of the vote on the 10/2/18 Regular Meeting minutes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Malone read a proclamation declaring **October 25, 2018, as "Lights on Afterschool Day"** in the City of Kelso. Youth and Family Link Program Director Kim Hogue accepted the proclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Right of Way Vacation – Elm Street at 4th/5th Avenues: Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m. Kelso School District Chief Financial and Operations Officer Scott Westlund, Design Consultant Patrick Donnelly, and PBS Engineering Senior Traffic Engineer John Manix provided an overview of the proposed improvements to the Wallace School building, playground, parking, and adjacent streets. Rick Von Rock, from Kelso, spoke from the audience.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Request the city attorney to draft an ordinance that would vacate Elm Street at 4th and 5th Avenues,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Jeff Hess, from Vancouver, WA, spoke about stormwater management as it relates to his property in the Tybren Heights area.

Larry Hart, from Kelso, spoke about the rechannelization of Grade Street project. Discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,781,842.80

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,781,842.80,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

City of Kelso 2019-21 State Legislative Biennium Agenda: Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs Legislative Advocate John Weiss provided an overview of what to expect from the 2019 Legislative Session and advised the Council on how to develop a successful agenda. City Manager Steve Taylor provided the City's current agenda for the upcoming legislative session. Councilmember Hill motioned to table this item to allow more time to consider decreasing the items listed on the agenda. Motion died due to lack of a second. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the 2019-21 Legislative Agenda as presented.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Futcher, Malone, McAllister voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Professional Services Agreement (PSA)– Lobbying Services, Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the PSA with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs,' Councilmembers Karnofski, Futcher, Malone, and McAllister voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Workshop - 2019-20 Budget Discussion: This item was moved to after Motion Items.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Fixing the rates to be charged for garbage service: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 18-3917 – Amending Title 17 Unified Development Code as it relates to Marijuana Retail Overlay Zone: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 18-3917, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO REPLACING THE CITY'S OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND AMENDING CHAPTERS 17.18.030 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, 17.18.040 TABLE OF PERMITTED USES AND 17.22.170 STATE LICENSED MARIJUANA PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND SALES OF THE CITY'S TITLE 17 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Futcher, Malone, and McAllister voted yes.

Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

WORKSHOP: (Previously removed from Council Business)

2019-2020 Budget Discussion: City Manager Taylor presented the most current budget summary. Discussion followed.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: No report.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Provided an update on the ongoing financial software conversion. 2) Commented that the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget would be brought to the Council at the November 6, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Provided an update on the current street projects and the Minor Road reservoir.

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided an update on the training progress of the new officers. 2) Commented about the 'Shop with a Cop' event scheduled in December.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on a Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he recently attended. 2) Announced that there would be a ceremony for the new Kelso mural on October 25th, 2018.

David Fatcher: 1) Spoke about keeping streets wide enough to allow for parking and emergency vehicles. 2) Spoke about a new tax law that provides a tax benefit for "qualified opportunity zones".

Jim Hill: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

At 8:05 p.m., the Council convened into a nonpublic session to discuss a collective

bargaining agreement. In attendance, were Councilmembers Fitcher, Hill, McAllister, Malone, Karnofski, and City Manager Taylor. The session adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Nancy Malone

MAYOR

Brian Kelly

CITY CLERK