

Pastor Terry Jones, from the Faith Center Church, 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 Larry Alexander, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Jeffrey McAllister, David Futcher, and Jim Hill.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/5/19 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award: City Manager Steve Taylor announced that the City of Kelso received the award, established by the Government Finance Officers Association, and presented it to Finance Director Brian Butterfield for his department's outstanding performance in reporting the City's finances.

Finance Department 2018 Annual Report: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided a presentation outlining the various responsibilities and reporting duties of the department.

Public Works Department Annual Report: Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson provided the 2018 Annual Report highlighting 2018 projects in all divisions of the department.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Lisa Alexander, from Kelso, spoke about the Rental Housing Licensing agenda item.

Steven Dahl, from Kelso, spoke about the road work on the intersection at Ash Street and Grade Street and the Rental Housing Licensing agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 1,804,171.70

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Move to approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,804,171.70,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cowlitz County Reimbursable Work Interlocal Agreement: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Cowlitz County,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Kelso Vision Statement: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt the Kelso Vision Statement as presented', motion passed, all voting yes.

Rental Housing Safety Program Discussion: City Manager Taylor and Planning Manager Tammy Baraconi provided an overview on their research regarding rental housing safety programs. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Direct staff to create a workplan and bring it back for consideration.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Fatcher, and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Malone, and McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

State Legislative Agenda Discussion: City Manager Taylor brought forward a request from Councilmember Alexander and Councilmember McAllister regarding a potential mid-session revision to the legislative agenda. Councilmember Alexander spoke about the Washington State Senate Transportation Bill 5971 concerning transportation funding. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Direct staff to produce an official document stating that the City of Kelso does not support the house bill as written.' Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Fatcher, 'Table this discussion until more information is obtained'. Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Malone, Fatcher, and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2. City Manager Taylor commented that the staff will bring back information on more options for taking a stand on the house bill.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 19-1206 – Declare Certain Property Surplus – 2004 Dodge Intrepid: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 19-1206, '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:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented that he would be attending the Association of Washington Cities Lobby Days event next Monday. 2) Provided an update on the progress of the City's capital projects in the state legislation session.

STAFF REPORT(S):

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: Provided an update on the Library's current activities and upcoming events.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: No report.

David Futcher: Commented that the appropriate motion that should have been made regarding the motion to 'Table' the item should have been a motion to 'Postpone' the item.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on the downtown revitalization meeting he attended on March 7, 2019.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK