

Sargent Kevin Tate, from the Kelso Police Department, 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 Jeffrey McAllister, Larry Alexander, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Jim Hill, and Mike Karnofski. Councilmember David Futcher was absent. City Manager Steve Taylor commented that Councilmember Futcher was at a forum, on behalf of the city, with the Rental Property Association. **Councilmember Futcher's absence was excused by consensus of the Council for city related business.**

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the modifications to the agenda as stated by Mayor Malone,' motion passed, all voting yes. The modifications were the removal of the following items:

- 3.2. 2019 Association of Washington Cities Award
- 3.3. Library Annual Report
- 3.4. Community Development/Engineering Department Annual Report
- 4.1. Citizens' Business

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 4/2/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs: Kelso's Lobbying Consultant Josh Weiss provided a brief update, via telephone, on the current legislative proposals to fund transportation projects and activities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,220,284.41

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,220,284.41,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. 19-3928 – Franchise Agreement for Telecommunications Service:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3928, 'AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ZAYO GROUP, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE & MAINTAIN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM OR FACILITIES

WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY OF KELSO WASHINGTON,' motion passed, all voting yes.

WALK-ON ITEM:

Recognition of Law Enforcement: City of Kelso Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the shooting event regarding Cowlitz County Deputy Justin DeRosier. Chief Hamilton acknowledged agencies and individuals who helped in the investigation and staff support. A moment of silence was taken in memory of Deputy DeRosier. Sargent Tate spoke on behalf of the Kelso Police Association. Jack Keolker, former Kelso Councilmember, spoke from the audience.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Provided an update on the outreach process regarding the Rental Housing Program. 2) Spoke about screening the 'Seattle is Dying' report at a council meeting. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Council approved a screening of the report at a future regular council meeting. 3) Provided an update on Senate Bill 5163 concerning actions for wrongful injury or death.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Commented that the state auditors would arrive on Monday and be here through the month of May. 2) Provided an update on the progress of the new finance software program.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: Commented about upcoming library closures due to the implementation of the new library software program.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: Announced that the next meeting of the Kelso Downtown Group would be on May 2nd, 9:00 AM, at the Cowlitz County Historical Museum.

Jim Hill: 1) Spoke about Jack Keolker's service on the Library Board. City Manager Taylor commented that there would be a formal award in recognition of Mr. Keolker's dedicated service to the community.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK