

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, Jim Hill, Nancy Malone, David Futcher, Larry Alexander, and Mike Karnofski. Councilmember Kim Lefebvre was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 7/02/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

New Employee Introduction: Community Development Director/ City Engineer Mike Kardas introduced Shaun Wright newly hired civil engineer.

PRESENTATION: Jeff Keddie, Board Member from the Emergency Support Shelter provided a power point presentation. Program Manager Randi Alexander-Rolison, and Board Officer Bill Reade, assisted with the presentation.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

The following citizens spoke against amending the current fireworks policy:

- Scott DeRosier, Kelso, WA
- Lisa Alexander, Kelso, WA Also commented on Grade Street improvements.
- Robert Brown, Kelso, WA
- Keenan Harvey, Kelso, WA
- Kelburn Koontz, Kelso, WA

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout:** Grade Street 4th & 5th Avenues Rechannelization Project, C & R Tractor
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,188,148.95

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion – Amending Fireworks Policy: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Amend the fireworks policy'. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Table the motion to amend fireworks policy,' motion passed all voting yes.

Appointment – Library Board: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Appoint Joseph Govednik to the Library Board,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Discussion – Stormwater Rate Design Revision: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided an overview of the stormwater rate revision under consideration. Discussion followed.

At 6:44 p.m., Councilmember Hill left the council chambers and was not in attendance for the rest of the meeting.

Discussion – City Manager Transition Update: Councilmember Futch provided an overview of the interview process scheduled for July 19th. He commented that the interviews will begin Friday morning with a staff and community member panel. The council will interview candidates after lunch. Upon completion of the interviews, the 6 candidates will be taken on a tour of Kelso. There will be a reception at 5:00 p.m. for the public to meet all of the candidates.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending budget to authorize a new Prosecutor Position: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2019/2020 BUDGET TO REFLECT A CHANGE TO THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME POSITIONS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SAID BUDGET WAS ADOPTED.’ Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 19-1212 – Amending Employee Handbook Section 5.12 Leave

Sharing: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futch, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, ‘Pass Resolution No. 19-1212, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK FOR CITY EMPLOYEES TO EXPAND THE LEAVE SHARING PROVISIONS.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Interim City Manager/Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Provided an update on the financial software conversion. 2) Commented that he would be sending out the state audit report to council. 3) Commented that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report CAFR will soon be available.

STAFF REPORT:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Reported on current and upcoming engineering projects. 2) Spoke about ribbon cutting for the new Tam O'Shanter parking to be held Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: 1) Commented on the approval of the Library Board member. 2) Encouraged participation in the library summer reading program.

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: Reported on current and upcoming public works projects.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Commented on changing allocation of equipment budget funds from license plate readers to night vision equipment.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: No report.


Larry Alexander: No report.

David Futcher: Commented on the fireworks discussion. **Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Move to postpone fireworks discussions indefinitely.'** Motion passed, all voting yes.


Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: Spoke about ribbon cutting for Rister Stadium to be held Sunday, August 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK