

Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffery McAllister, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, David Fatcher, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, and Nancy Malone.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/19/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

Public comments received and read aloud by the Mayor were as follows:

**Kirsten Markstrom,** Kelso, regarding opening the playground equipment to the public in the city parks.

**Ron Huntington,** Kelso, regarding an agreement between Kelso Babe Ruth and the City of Kelso.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Set a Date for the 2020 HOME Program Allocation Public Hearing:** Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Set the date on June 16, 2020, for the public hearing regarding the 2020 HOME Program Allocation,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) – Reaffirming prior approval and grants an extension to the 30-day time period relating to the Verizon Telecommunication Franchise Agreement:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, REAFFIRMING PRIOR APPROVAL AND AMENDING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 20-1231 – Emergency Sewer Line Repair Work 1000 Block of Allen Street:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 20-1231, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING A BLOCKED AND CRACKED SANITARY SEWER MAIN ALONG THE 1000 BLOCK OF ALLEN STREET TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVES CONTRACT FOR

EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 20-1230 – Delegating Authorized Signer for Reimbursement**

**Requests Coronavirus Relief Fund (Cares Act):** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass Resolution No. 20-1230, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DELEGATING TO THE CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR THE AUTHORITY TO LEGALLY BIND THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Requested an approval from the Council to allocate \$66,000 of the \$366,000 that the City received from the CARES ACT to the Cowlitz Economic Development Council (CEDC) to distribute to local businesses for rental assistance. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, ‘Approve the allocation of \$66,000 from the CARES ACT monies to the CEDC for local business rental assistance.’ Motion passed, all voting yes. 2) Provided an update on Covid-19 cases in Cowlitz County. 3) Provided an update on the ad hoc committee regarding designated homeless encampments. 4) Reported on the sewer line emergency work on Allen Street. 5) Reported on a conference call meeting with FEMA and commented about an upcoming meeting with the Department of Commerce regarding the CARES Act. 6) Commented that American Legion Commander Steve West thanked the City for the opportunity to lead the Veteran’s Park project. 7) Provided an update on the Kelso Babe Ruth agreement regarding Rister Stadium. 8) Announced that the June 16, 2020 Regular Council Meeting will be another Zoom meeting. The July 7, 2020 Regular Council Meeting should be held onsite at city hall and open to the public while conforming to social distancing guidelines.

**STAFF MEETING:**

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** 1) Provided an update on the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project. 2) Provided an update on the West Main Realignment Project. Discussion followed.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** 1) Provided an update on police officer training. 2) Provided an update on the K9 Program.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**David Futcher:** Commented that the AWC Convention is online and free this year. It was mentioned that the dates were June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Commented that the CEDC's service for distributing the \$66,000 to local businesses for rental assistance was at no cost. 2) Reported that the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments received \$446,000 from the Economic Development Administration for businesses in the county to use for recovery planning from the Coronavirus pandemic.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**Jeffrey McAllister:** No report.

**Nancy Malone:** No report.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

At 6:35 PM, Mayor Malone announced that the Council would convene into a closed session to discuss a labor contract. The closed session was expected to last approximately 10 minutes and that there may be action taken following the session. The City Attorney was not present.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:45 PM.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ~~'Approve the labor agreement with the Kelso Police Association as outlined by the City Manager,'~~ 'Approve the proposed labor agreement with the Kelso Police Association as outlined by the City Manager and direct staff to bring it back to the Council for consideration,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, ~~'Approve the one year contract with the police department records division as outlined by the City Manager,'~~ 'Approve the proposed one year labor agreement with the police department records division as outlined by the City Manager and direct staff to bring it back to the Council for consideration,' motion passed, all voting yes.

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

  
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