

The regular meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Malone. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, David Futcher, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, and Nancy Malone.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 7/7/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Comments received for this meeting were read into the record. They were submitted from the following:

- **Kirsten Markstrom**, regarding opening city parks
- **Jennifer Bronson**, regarding opening city parks
- **Kaitlyn**, regarding opening city parks
- **Laesha Brood**, regarding opening city parks
- **Joel Hundley**, regarding opening city parks
- **Lannie Sheldahl**, regarding opening city parks
- **John Dowling**, regarding opening city parks only when safe

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Cowlitz 911 Service Level Agreement**
2. **Lower Columbia Major Crimes Taskforce Interlocal Agreement**
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,245,989.86

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,245,989.86,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) COVID-19 Impact Relief Grant: Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the Council on the FAA grant offered under the CARES Act. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into the agreement with the FAA to receive and use the CARES Act grant funds for airport operational expenses.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 20-1234 – Declaring Surplus of Certain Kelso Police Department Vehicles: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by

Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 20-1234, '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.

Resolution No. 20-1235 – Approving Emergency Repair Work on Sanitary Sewer Main at South Pacific Avenue and Mill Street: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass Resolution No. 20-1235, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING A SEWER MAIN FAILURE AND UTILITY REPAIR ON THE 900 BLOCK OF S. PACIFIC AND MILL STREET TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVES CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported that 26 local businesses benefited from the \$66,000 of the CARES ACT Rent Relief Funds. 2) Provided an update on the COVID-19 statistics in Cowlitz County. 3) Acknowledged the services and leaders of the Cowlitz COVID-19 Incident Management Team. 4) Reported on various meetings he had recently attended. 5) Reported on the AWC Governor's Informational conference call he attended. 6) Announced that the Highlander Festival would be postponed to 2021. He commented that the parade, with a couple of changes, would still take place this year. 7) Announced that the Kelso Garden Club members would like to install and dedicate a blue star by the waymark at Tam O'Shanter Park. 8) Spoke about the protests held in front of city hall last week. 9) Provided an update on the Kelso Babe Ruth Facility Use Agreement.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Announced that the City had a clean audit for 2019 and that the exit conference was tomorrow at 10:00 AM. 2) Commented that work had started on the budget for 2021-2022 and there would be some solid numbers for the Council to consider in mid-September.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Provided an update on the acquisition of the Office Max property. 2) Reported on the water level in the reservoirs. 3) Provided an update on the repair project on South Pacific Avenue.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: 1) Commented that even though the library was closed to the public due to the pandemic, customers can use the curbside service for checking out books and videos. 2) Commented that a printing service was in the works and should be available to the public in a couple weeks.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Announced that he had received an official notice that Sergeant Brian Clarke will be retiring. 2) Provided a staffing update.

Airport Manager Chris Paolini: 1) Commented that all the airport hangars are remaining occupied and that there was still a waiting list. 2) Announced that the airport budget was recently passed by the airport board and that he would be bringing it to the Council in a presentation for their consideration.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Keenan Harvey: Asked about any shortfall of revenue due to COVID-19 and if any departments saved on expenses due to being closed to the public. Finance Director Brian Butterfield commented that, through the end of June 2020, the City is in great shape. The City had received more than expected in sales tax revenue. He commented that there have been two vacant positions that have kept expenses down. He commented that the admissions tax and the hotel/motel tax are the two things that have been hit the hardest.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

David Futcher: 1) Reminded everyone to keep an eye on their affairs due to the fraud attempts on claims for unemployment benefits. 2) Commented that today was the first day that live baseball is available to watch on TV.

Jeffrey McAllister: Asked about opening city parks. City Manager Hamilton commented that 'Safe Start' phase 2, which is where the City of Kelso is at this time, does not have the option to open city parks. His understanding was that it would be in phase 3.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Spoke about an article in today's newspaper regarding the River Cities Transit fees and schedules. 2) Spoke in favor of opening city parks including the spray park.

Nancy Malone: Reminded everyone to follow the recommended safety guidelines and spoke in favor of waiting until phase 3 to open city parks.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.



MAYOR



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