

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

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 7/21/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Contract Closeout:** Allen Street Emergency Repair, Tapani Inc.

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Narcotics Task Force (CWNTF) Interlocal Agreement: City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the proposed agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the CWNTF Interlocal Agreement'. Motion passed, all voting yes.

WALK-ON ITEM:

Resolution No. 20-1236 – Authorizing acceptance of Federal Aid Funds for the West Main Realignment Phase 2 Project: The Mayor read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Pass Resolution No. 20-1236, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL AID FUNDS.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a Cowlitz County COVID-19 update. 2) Commented that a temporary use permit for outdoor seating was available for local restaurants. 3) Commented that reimbursement records for CARES Act monies would be brought forward to the Council. 4) Commented on various meetings he had attended. 5) Spoke about moving forward with the Highlander Festival Parade.

Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Waive the \$50 temporary use permit fee for outdoor seating during the COVID-19 pandemic.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Reported on the recent emergency repair work and the recurring sinkhole on Mill Street. 2) Announced that a request for bids went out on the Tam O'Shanter Phase 2 Project. 3) Provided an update on the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project at the request of Councilmember Karnofski.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: 1) Commented that the reprocessing of the library's 8000 DVDs was near completion. 2) Commented that the curbside checkout service had nearly doubled over the last couple of weeks. 3) Commented that the Coffee Court was open at the Three Rivers Mall and that they would give 10% off for customers that show their Kelso library card.

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: 1) Provided an update on the street striping project. 2) Provided an update on the water level.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Spoke about programs and events sponsored by the police department that have been and may be affected by COVID-19. 2) Commented that the department was open to the public, by appointment only, for fingerprint services on CPL applications. 3) Provided an update on the police academy cadets from Kelso. 4) Recognized Washington State Patrol Trooper Justin Schaffer who had recently lost his life in the line of duty. He commented that, so far, 76 officers were lost this year nationally due to COVID-19.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Provided an update on the Six Rivers Trail project. 2) Announced that Washington State University of Vancouver was offering a business advice opportunity and that interested parties could register for it on the Cowlitz Economic Development Council website. 3) Acknowledged the gentlemen at The Stripper Antiques for their efforts on making Kelso downtown area look better.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Provided an update on the Highlander Festival Parade.

Nancy Malone: 1) Acknowledged Councilmember Futch for all his work on reporting to the Chamber of Commerce. 2) Commended the gentlemen of The Stripper Antiques for their efforts in keeping up the area near their business.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Nancy Malone

MAYOR

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK