

Mayor Fatcher led the flag salute then called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Kim Lefebvre, Rick Roberson, David Fatcher, Nancy Malone, and Rick Von Rock. Councilmembers Larry Alexander and Jim Hill were absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/01/17 Special Meeting and the 8/01/17 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Closeout Contract:** NW 3rd Avenue Sewer Repair Project – Tapani, Inc.
2. **Closeout Contract:** South Kelso Drive Slide Repair Project – Advanced Excavating Specialists
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,811,326.70

Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,811,326.70,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Cowlitz County Historical Museum Director Joseph Govednik introduced himself as the new director of the museum. He spoke about the museum being a good tourist attraction for the City. He handed out his business cards to the Council.

Tim Scott, property owner in South Kelso, spoke about the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Lenny Persinger, from Kelso, spoke about the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Steve Coulter, from Kelso, spoke about the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Jerry Reagor, from Kelso, spoke about the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Chris Sabo, from Kelso, spoke about pot holes on Cedar Street.

Anthony Currena, from Kelso, spoke about animal control service in his neighborhood.

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association (SKNA) Chairman, thanked the

City of Kelso for its support in the SKNA citywide cleaning project. She spoke about helping citizens that are not able to clean up their own property.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion – South Kelso Annexation of Unincorporated Islands: City Manager Steve Taylor provided an outline of the incorporated and unincorporated areas in South Kelso. City Attorney Janean Parker provided the options and requirements the City has to initiate the annexation for Area 2 (the properties fronting Hazel Street and south). After lengthy deliberation, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the initiation process for the annexation of Area 2 and Area 1 (property owned by the Diking District). Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Proceed with the ballot method for the annexation of Area 1 and Area 2.' Lengthy discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Distributed the new Kelso Statement of Values to the Council. 2) Updated the Council on Staff's research regarding best practices for approaching a Plastic Bag Ban in the City. He provided relative correspondence from other cities and counties. 3) Provided an update on the status of Drinking Water State Revolving Loans in the Capital Budget.

STAFF REPORT:

Captain Darr Kirk: Updated the Council on the new police officers.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Von Rock: 1) Reported on an Americorp Graduation he attended. 2) Reported on the Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association meeting he attended.

Nancy Malone: No report.

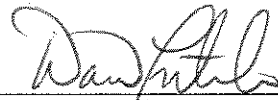
Rick Roberson: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING: The Council met with Staff immediately after the conclusion of the regular meeting to discuss labor negotiations.



MAYOR



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