

KELSO CITY COUNCIL
6:00 P.M.

November 21, 2017
REGULAR MEETING

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. Mayor Futcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Rick Von Rock, Larry Alexander, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Jim Hill, and Nancy Malone. Councilmember Kim Lefebvre was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/07/17 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2017-2018 Budget Mid-biennial Review: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. Finance Director Brian Butterfield provided an overview of proposed revisions to the City's budget for the 2018 fiscal year. Discussion followed.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Chuck Hendrickson, Love Overwhelming Executive Director, provided an update on the organization. He spoke about their housing program, and plans for warming shelters for homeless families.

Shawn Nyman, from Longview, spoke about warming shelters provided in the community.

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association Chairman, spoke about recent food donation events and the 'Toys for Joy' program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 2,422,368.00

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,422,368.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2018 Utility Rates Adjustment Discussion: City Manager Steve Taylor commented that the City is required to review utility rates on an annual basis prior to the adoption of

the budget or amended budget. He provided an overview of the current water, sewer, and garbage rates. Discussion followed and no action was taken.

Ordinance to designate Civic Center “Drug-Free Zones” Discussion: Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton presented a request from the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Narcotics Task Force to designate the Catlin Rotary Spray Park, Kelso City Hall, and the Kelso Train Depot as Drug-Free Zones under RCW 69.50.435. This law provides for increased fines and jail time for narcotic traffickers. Discussion followed. The Council directed staff to move forward with the ordinance.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Budget Revision No. 1 for the 2018 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2017-2018 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Roberson, Fatcher, and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Malone voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Ordinance No. 17-3899 – Amending KMC 2.04.030 Councilmember Compensation: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Mayor Fatcher, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 17-3899, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04—CITY COUNCIL—TO INCREASE THE SALARY PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.’ Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Fatcher, Hill, and Malone voted yes. Councilmember Roberson voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Ordinance No. 17-3900 – Setting the 2018 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 17-3900, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,511,644 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2018 BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Roberson, Fatcher, and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Malone voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Resolution No. 17-1189 – 2018 Property Tax Levy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, ‘Pass Resolution No. 17-1189, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.' Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Roberson, Futcher, and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Malone voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented that he provided an update on the annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated areas at a recent South Kelso Neighborhood Association meeting.

STAFF REPORTS:

Library Manager Cindy Schimpf: Commented that the Tree Lighting Festival was on December 1st, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Kelso Train Depot.

Police Chief Andrew Hamilton: 1) Commented that the 'Shop with a Cop' event was the second weekend of December. 2) Provided an update on the graduation and training status of the Kelso Police Department's newer officers.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Rick Von Rock: No report.

Larry Alexander: Announced that the Association of Rascalion River Rats was holding their second annual 'Day of Giving' event at the Kelso Senior Center on Saturday, November 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

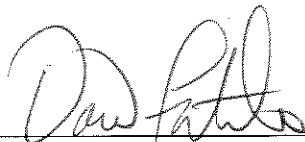
Rick Roberson: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK