

Pastor Kate Trendera, from Faith Center Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Mike Karnofski, David Futcher, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Jim Hill, Larry Alexander, and Jeffrey McAllister.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/16/18 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2019-2020 Preliminary Budget: Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Finance Director Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget. Rick Von Rock, from Kelso, spoke from the audience. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Hill arrived at 6:08 p.m. and was not in attendance at the time of the vote on the 10/16/18 meeting minutes.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association President, updated the Council on the association's current and upcoming activities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Contract Closeout: Southwest Washington Regional Airport FBO and Hangar 52-53 Roof Improvements – Bishop Contracting

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS: None.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Setting the 2019 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,539,630 OR MAXIMUM

ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2019 BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Councilmembers Karnofski, Futcher, Lefebvre, Alexander, and McAllister voted yes. Councilmembers Malone and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Water/Sewer Rates Update: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16-3879 FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES. Councilmembers Karnofski, Futcher, Lefebvre, Alexander, and McAllister voted yes. Councilmembers Malone and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Establishing Relocation Appeal Procedures related to Right of Way Acquisition: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 1.60—RELOCATION ASSISTANCE—TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE.’ Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Right of Way Vacation – Elm Street at 4th/5th Avenues: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO VACATING A PORTION OF ELM STREET BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH AVENUE SOUTH AND PORTIONS OF THE ALLEY NORTH OF ELM STREET AND SOUTH OF LAUREL STREET BETWEEN 4TH AND 5TH AVENUE SOUTH,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 18-3918 – Fixing the Rates for furnishing Garbage Service: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 18-3918., ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Brought forward a potential ordinance amending KMC 6.04 relating to animals left unattended in enclosed vehicles. Lengthy discussion followed. The Council directed staff to bring this item to the next council meeting for a first reading.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Reported on a meeting with local merchants concerned about the Grade Street Rechannelization Project.

Councilmember Alexander left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: 1) Commented that the street sweeping program had begun. 2) Commented that the Christmas banners are going up.

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported on a recent assault incident in West Kelso. 2) Commented that the 'Shop with a Cop' event is on Saturday, December 15th. 3) Commented that his 31st anniversary with the Kelso Police Department is this Saturday.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Jim Hill: Asked Mr. Johnson about the new Public Works CCTV inspection van. Mr. Johnson provided an update on the van. City Manager Taylor reported on the new renovations at the city shop.

Kim Lefebvre: 1) Spoke about the holiday fund-raising program sponsored by Safeway that benefits local communities. 2) Encouraged the public to take their children to the Children's Museum located at the mall.

David Fatcher: 1) Reported on a meeting with Airport Manager Chris Paolini and representatives from Bud Clary. 2) Announced that the property owner of the area just south of the Longview Wye had recently passed away.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on the dedication ceremony for the Kelso mural event held on October 25th.

Nancy Malone: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Malone announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss a personnel item. The executive session was expected to last approximately 45 minutes and no action would be taken. Mayor Malone announced that the Council would not come back to regular session. Councilmembers in attendance were Fatcher, Hill, Malone, Karnofski, and McAllister. The City Attorney was not present.

At 7:45 p.m., it was announced that the executive session was extended for 1.5 hours.

Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Nancy Malone
MAYOR

Kevin Fuller
CITY CLERK