

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, from New Song Worship Center, 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 David Futcher, Jim Hill, Nancy Malone, Mike Karnofski, Jeffrey McAllister, and Larry Alexander. Councilmember Kim Lefebvre was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/15/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2020 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Allocation Request: City Manager Hamilton presented the LTAC allocation recommendations. Councilmember Hill motioned to table this item until the 1st meeting in December to allow more time for Kelso Babe Ruth to submit an application. Motion died due to lack of a second. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the LTAC recommendations as presented.' The allocations were as follows:

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| ▪ Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce – Visitor's Center | \$ 68,953.00 |
| ▪ Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce – Visitor's Guide | \$ 1,235.00 |
| ▪ Kelso Highlander Festival Commission – Festival Event | \$ 20,000.00 |
| ▪ City of Kelso – Visitor's Ctr/WSDOT Airspace Lease and Building Insurance | \$ 3,000.00 |
| ▪ City of Kelso – Tam O'Shanter Athletic Complex Parking Access Improvements | \$100,000.00 |

Councilmembers Futcher, Malone, Karnofski, McAllister, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Sister Cities Program Discussion: City Manager Hamilton asked for Council's direction in response to a letter by Mayor Malone about coordinating a proclamation ceremony in the City of Kelso, Scottish Borders. Discussion followed. Kelso Sister Cities Exchange President La Donna Page spoke from the audience. She requested \$2,000 from the City for assisting in the expense of hosting exchange students and foreign delegates. She commented that Makinohara, Japan, would not be participating this year due to hosting the 2020 Olympics. **Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Authorize a \$2,000 allotment for the Sister Cities Program in the upcoming modified budget,' motion passed, all voting yes.**

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Setting the 2020 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,564,824 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Councilmembers Futcher, Malone, Karnofski, Hill, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Adopting Water Sewer Rates for 2020-2024: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-3920 FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES.' Councilmembers Futcher, Malone, Karnofski, Hill, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Adopting Model Business and Occupations Tax: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING CHAPTER 5.02 AND 5.03 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BRING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX PROVISIONS INTO CONFORMANCE WITH STATEWIDE MODEL ORDINANCE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 35.102 RCW,' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 19-3935 – Amending the rates for Garbage Collection Service: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3935, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.' Councilmembers Futcher, Malone, Karnofski, Hill, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Resolution No. 19-1214 – Declaring Intent to Authorize a Sales and Use Tax for Affordable and Supporting Housing: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass Resolution No. 19-1214, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTING HOUSING IN

ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406.' Lengthy discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported on his recent activities. 2) Commented that the City had been in negotiations with two unions and had reached a tentative agreement with the Teamsters. 3) Spoke about the Barnes North Head Start Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Announced that the City had recently secured \$1.5 million of federal funding through the Council of Governments toward the West Main Project.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: Announced that there would be a fundraiser event for the Special Olympics on November 23rd, at the Starbucks on Minor Road in Kelso.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Announced that there was a Downtown Kelso Business Group meeting scheduled this Thursday, at 9:00 AM, here in the council chambers.

Jim Hill: Commented that the Harvest Festival recently held at the Kelso Library was a great event.

David Futcher: Reported on his tour of the Cowlitz County Elections Office.

Nancy Malone: Commented good luck to all the candidates.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK