

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, Jeffrey McAllister, Kimberly Lefebvre, Lisa Alexander, Richard McCaine, Nancy Malone, and Keenan Harvey.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/18/21 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Jim Hill, from Kelso, submitted a comment regarding registered sex offenders residing within the city limits. Mayor Malone read the comment into the record.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Setting a date for Public Hearings relating to the 2021 HOME Program Dollars and the Draft HUD Consolidated Housing Plan Update: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the date of June 15, 2021, for the public hearings.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Budget Revision No. 1 for the 2021 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2021-2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported on the updated mask requirements for city employees and city council. 2) Provided a COVID-19 statistics update. 3) Reported on various meetings he recently attended. 4) Acknowledged Kristen Dahl's retirement after 26 years with the Kelso Public Library and Officer Erik Swenningson for serving as a keynote speaker at a local cemetery on Memorial Day.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Provided an update on the state audit.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Announced that this day was his 2-year anniversary as Chief of Police. He spoke about staffing succession to prepare for the next level of leadership. 2) Provided an officer staffing update. 3) Spoke about an upcoming Regional Mental Health Field Response Program funded by the County’s Mental Health Sales Tax and Trueblood Program dollars. 4) Spoke about the impending impact to law enforcement due to the state legislature making illegal drug possession a misdemeanor. Discussion followed.

City Attorney Janean Parker: Commented that the public hearing on land use relating to halfway houses and similar facilities set for today’s meeting was rescheduled to the June 15th Regular Meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: Reported on the Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting regarding the new Washington State Department of Transportation requirements on project planning and review process.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Richard McCaine: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: Congratulations to Kristen Dahl on her retirement. She will be missed.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:28 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK