

Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, David Futcher, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, and Nancy Malone

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/05/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Malone read a proclamation declaring May 17-23, 2020, as "National Public Works Week" in the City of Kelso.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Citizens comments listed by subject were as follows:

Kelso Babe Ruth Agreement with the City regarding the Rister Stadium:

Christopher Ransom, Kelso, WA
Travis Keele, Kelso, WA
Thomas Casey, Vancouver, WA

American made Fireworks:

Jim Hill

Proposed Proclamation in Response to Proclamation No. 20-05 Guidelines:

Deborah Idlett, Kelso, WA	DeAnna Perl, Kelso, WA
Don Newman, Kelso, WA	Theresa Newman, Kelso, WA
Ronda, Kelso, WA	Chris Bornstedt, Kelso, WA
Christy Poe, Kelso, WA	Andy Teranova, Kelso, WA
Jim and Camela Sutton, Kelso, WA	Seth Gillihan, Kelso, WA
Tate Cummings, Kelso, WA	Zack Cummings, Kelso, WA
Mardel Hackett, Kelso, WA	Don and Susie Pattison, Kelso, WA
Alexandria Teranova, Kelso, WA	Christine Juntunen, Kelso, WA
Juanita Mares, Longview, WA	Rodney Sewell, Kelso, WA
Jennifer Hill, Kelso, WA	Lisa Gregory, Kelso, WA
Michelle Linker, Kelso, WA	Jenica, Kelso, WA
Kirsten, Kelso, WA	Holly Ojeda

CONSENT AGENDA:

Auditing of Accounts: \$1,706,326.06

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,706,326.06,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion – Proposed City of Kelso Proclamation in response to Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25 Guidelines: Upon Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Move that the Council sign the proposed proclamation as amended with the noted grammatical corrections,' Councilmember Harvey stated the corrections. Councilmember Harvey briefed the Council on the proposed proclamation. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers Futcher, Lefebvre, Karnofski, McAllister, and Malone voted no. Motion failed, 5 to 2.

MOTION ITEMS: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Announced that the Cowlitz County Phase II Variance Application had been submitted. 2) Commented that he and Mayor Malone continue to attend the Incident Management Team meetings. 3) Reported that the staff is now working their normal schedule prior to COVID-19. He commented that they are being educated on a post COVID-19 work environment. 4) He commented that he and the Finance Director are monitoring the impacts to the budget and that department heads had put a freeze on spending. 5) Provided an update on the grant application to the Department of Commerce. 6) Reminder for the 2020 Census survey. 7) Spoke about Kelso's continued partnerships in the community in regards to educating businesses and organizations about COVID-19. 8) Reported on the recent murder/suicide incident in Kelso. 9) Reported on a recent sewer line break on Allen Street that required emergency work.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

David Futcher: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Announced that the deadline to submit applications for grant moneys to pay one month's rent for women and minority businesses ended today. 2) He commented that the Washington State Department of Commerce Small Business emergency grant award for Cowlitz County should be announced by the end of the week.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Spoke about holding a workshop on how the City wants to proceed with the enforcement of Governor Inslee's Phase II and Phase III guidelines for reopening the state.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on the Chamber Board meeting he attended and that he would be taking Mayor Malone's position on the Board. 2) Asked City Manager Hamilton to provide an update on the Kelso Babe Ruth Agreement by the next regular council meeting.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: 1) Reported on the Chamber Board meeting. 2) Asked that City Manager Hamilton provide an update on the West Main Project regarding Catlin Street. City Manager Hamilton commented that the project was held up due to an issue that may need to be addressed in court.

Councilmember Karnofski asked that City Manager Hamilton give an update on the South Kelso Hazel Street Railroad Crossing Project at the next council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:54 PM, Mayor Malone announced that the Council would convene into closed session to discuss labor negotiations. The closed session was expected to last approximately 5 minutes and no action would be taken. The City Attorney was not present.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:02 PM

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.



MAYOR



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