

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

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/06/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Revenue Sources for Upcoming Year: Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:02 PM. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of revenue sources for the upcoming year. Citizens that provided comments were as follows:

- Randy Stewart, from Kelso
- Lori Williams, from Kelso

Lengthy discussion followed. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:21 PM.

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Direct staff to move forward with a 1% property tax increase.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Futcher, and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, McAllister, and Malone voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 4.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

The following public comment was read into the record.

Jim Hill, from Kelso, provided comment regarding the Kelso Babe Ruth Facility Use Agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,221,040.14

Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,221,040.14,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Supplemental Agreement – Construction Management Services, West Main Re-alignment Phase 2 Project: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Authorize the City Manager to execute said agreement with PBS Engineering and Environmental for \$600,000. Motion passed, all voting yes.

CARES Act Funds Disbursement: City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the proposed distribution of funds. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the distribution of the CARES Act Funds as presented by the City Manager,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a COVID-19 status update. 2) Spoke of various meetings he recently attended. 3) Reported on the Tam O'Shanter Phase 2 Project. 4) Commented on the permit process for a potential Veteran's Day Parade.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Provided an update on the Tam O'Shanter Phase 2 Project. 2) Commented that, on Friday, at 10:00 AM, bids would be open on the West Main Re-alignment Phase 2 Project. 2) Provided an update on the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project Interlocal Agreement with the County.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Commented that an ordinance setting the property tax rate for same as last year would be forthcoming. A resolution authorizing a property tax increase would not be brought forward. 2) He commented that the updated City of Kelso credit rating should be available on October 28, 2020.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Reminder that the school zones were still active. At the request of Councilmember Harvey, Chief Kirk will have staff provide a public service announcement regarding the school zones.

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: Reported that the shrubs were cut down on Minor Road.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: Commented that the Library may be opening at limited capacity in early November.

Airport Manager Chris Paolini: Provided an update on the forthcoming new Fixed Base Operator Agreement and the new businesses that may result from it.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Provided an update on the Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended. 2) Reported on the upcoming Halloween Event at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on the Cowlitz Economic Development Council's management of the \$1,000,000 grant monies from the Cowlitz County Federal CARES Act Funds.

David Futcher: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Jeffery McAllister: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Requested approval from the Council to permit the Veteran's Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 7, 2020, at 11:00 AM. There being no objection from the Council, City Manager Hamilton confirmed the approval permitting the parade.

Nancy Malone: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:52 PM, Mayor Malone announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss an employee performance evaluation. The executive session was expected to last approximately 20 minutes and action would follow. The City Attorney was not present.

At 7:09 PM, Mayor Malone announced that the executive session would be extended another 10 minutes.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:19 PM.

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Accept the City Manager Employment Agreement with continued negotiations to the contract.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.


Deputy
MAYOR


CITY CLERK