

Chaplain Doug Fields, from Cowlitz Chaplaincy, gave the invocation. Deputy Mayor Kim Lefebvre led the flag salute. Deputy Mayor Lefebvre called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Larry Alexander, Kim Lefebvre, Jim Hill, Mike Karnofski, and David Futcher. Mayor Nancy Malone was absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Minutes of the 6/4/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Police Chief Introduction and Oath of Office:** City Manager Steve Taylor commented that he was honored to announce that Captain Darr Kirk had been appointed to the Chief of Police position. City Clerk Brian Butterfield administered the Oath of Office. Chief Kirk's wife, Melissa Kirk, pinned the badge. He was congratulated by each of the councilmembers.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

**Lisa Alexander,** from Kelso, thanked City Manager Taylor for all his hard work and dedication to the City of Kelso. She congratulated Chief Kirk.

**Kelburn Koontz,** Cowlitz County Republican Central Committee (CCRCC) Chairman, read aloud a resolution passed by the CCRCC in support of the Second Amendment. He handed out copies of the CCRCC resolution and copies of a Resolution of Support from the Washington State Republican Central Committee.

**Steve West and Dan Halverson,** representing the Post 25 American Legion, spoke about moving forward with the renovation of the American Legion building. He passed around a United States Navy coin.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Solid Waste and Recycling Services Agreement Discussion:** City Manager Taylor presented the draft agreement to renew the service with Waste Control, Equipment, Inc. He provided an overview highlighting the changes from the existing agreement. Lengthy discussion followed.

**Interlocal Agreement - Reciprocal Borrowing Pilot Program, Longview Public Library:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember

McAllister. 'Approve the agreement with the Longview Public Library.' motion passed, all voting yes.

**Interlocal Agreement Amendment – Connecting Washington Design Agreement,**

**WSDOT:** Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the amendment to the agreement with WSDOT,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**Contract Amendment – South Kelso Grade Separation Design Services, HDR, Inc:**

~~Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski,~~ Deputy Mayor Lefebvre called for a vote, 'Approve the amendment, in the amount of \$1,897,508, to the agreement with HDR, Inc.' all voted yes.

**City Manager Transition – Interim City Manager Appointment:** Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Appoint Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield to the Interim City Manager position,' motion passed, all voting yes. City Manager Taylor commented that he would appoint Mr. Butterfield as acting city manager while he was on vacation from June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Butterfield would be designated the Interim City Manager beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** 1) Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided an update on the cost changes for the Tam O'Shanter Improvement Project. City Manager Taylor proposed that the Council allocate the Lodging Tax funds for 2020 and 2021 toward the Tam O'Shanter Improvement Project at \$100,000 per year. Discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Provide the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee with the priorities of the Council being the continued funding of the Visitor Center, the Tam O'Shanter Improvements, and the Highlander Festival,' motion passed, all voting yes.** 2) He announced that this meeting would be his last meeting as the City Manager and provided his farewell speech.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** 1) Provided an update on the financial software conversion. 2) Reported that the state auditors left last Thursday and that an exit conference would be scheduled.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** 1) Announced that Shaun Wright would be the new civil engineer and that July 15<sup>th</sup>, would be his first day. 2) Provided an update on the Tam O'Shanter Improvements project and the Haussler Road Repair project.

**Library Manager Natalee Corbett:** Thanked the Council for approving the renewal of the Reciprocal Borrowing Agreement.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** Spoke about the upcoming Kelso High School Graduation Ceremony.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**David Futcher:** 1) Congratulated Chief Kirk on his appointment. 2) Expressed appreciation to City Manager Taylor for his service to the city. 3) Provided an update on the application process for the city manager position.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Thanked City Manager Taylor for his service. 2) Reported on the recent clean-up event. He acknowledged Don Lemmons for his help with the disposing of the collected material. 3) Announced that the Cowlitz Economic Development Commission had applied for an EPA Recreational Economy for Rural Communities Grant. 3) Reported on an upcoming Water Fun Day event held by the Kelso Downtown Group and the Children's Discovery Museum. 4) He had Mr. Kardas provide an update on the West Main Street Project and the work along Catlin Street.

**Jim Hill:** Commented that the City of Kelso was better off for the service provided by City Manager Taylor.

**Larry Alexander:** Thanked City Manager Taylor.

**Jeffrey McAllister:** Wished City Manager Taylor well in all his future endeavors.

**Kim Lefebvre:** 1) Commented that she was glad about the appointments to the Chief of Police and Interim City Manager positions. 2) Thanked City Manager Taylor for everything he had done for the city. 3) She thanked Don Lemmons for his help with the clean-up event.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre adjourned the meeting at 7:20 PM.

  
DEPUTY MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK