

Pastor Seth Trendera, from Faith Center Church, 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 Larry Alexander, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, Jeffrey McAllister, David Futcher, and Jim Hill. Mayor Nancy Malone was absent.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/5/19 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Animal Control Services Update:** Cowlitz Humane Society Executive Director Charmaine Nawrocki provided an overview of the organization's services, revenue sources and statistics on animal intake and control enforcement. Discussion followed.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

**Cowlitz County Homeless-Housing Task Force Representative Jeff Wilson** spoke about the proposed homeless-housing plan that was provided to the County Commissioners and discussed at the 2/5/19 City of Kelso Council Meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,163,613.00

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,163,613.00,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**2019 Budget Goals & Action Workplan:** City Manager Steve Taylor presented a draft vision statement for the City of Kelso. **Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Futcher 'Approve the Vision Statement as presented'. Motion passed, all voting yes.** City Manager Taylor presented the draft 2019 Budget Goals and Action Work Plan. **Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the 2019 Budget Goals & Action Workplan as presented,'.** Lengthy discussion followed.

At 6:56 p.m., Councilmember Futcher left the council chambers and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander

and McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 3 to 2.

**Runway Maintenance Design and Bidding Services Consultant Agreement:** Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the Council on the design agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the agreement with Century West Engineering for \$86,115.00.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Sewer Service Area Study Contract:** Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon Motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the contract with ~~BGC~~ BHC Consultants for \$109,923.00.' Lengthy discussion followed. Rick Von Rock, from Kelso, spoke from the audience. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEM:**

**Resolution No. 19-1205 – Amending the Master Fee Schedule:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 19-1205, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SCHEDULE "A, C, and D" OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Steve Taylor:** 1) Introduced Natalee Corbett as the new library manager. 2) Provided a legislative update regarding the Special Lodging Tax Bill, the Lowest Bidder Flexibility Bill, and the two capital budget requests.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Finance Director Brian Butterfield:** Provided an update on the training process for the new finance software.

**Community Development Director/ City Engineer Mike Kardas:** Reported on current and upcoming engineering projects.

**Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson:** Commented that there were very little complaints regarding street conditions during the cold weather spell.

**Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Commented that the weather keeps the police officers busy with auto accidents. 2) Commented that the detective work on the recent homicide case will continue for several more weeks. 3) Commented that the Citizens' Academy begins tomorrow night. 4) Spoke about the two newly hired police officers.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Larry Alexander:** No report.


**Mike Karnofski:** Commented that a local business had acted on Rural and Small Business Expert Becky McCray's recommendations regarding aesthetic improvements.

**Jeffrey McAllister:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** Spoke about how appreciative the Chapman family was for the efforts made by the Kelso Police Department.

**Kim Lefebvre:** Announced that AmeriCorps is holding a 'Science Sunday' event on March 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Children's Discovery Museum located in the Three Rivers Mall and a volunteer service project, 'Landscape Enhancement Project 2019', on March 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Al Helenberg Memorial Boat Launch in Castle Rock, WA. Fliers on the two events were made available to the audience.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

  
DEPUTY MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK