

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. Mayor Futcher called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Larry Alexander, Kim Lefebvre, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Nancy Malone, Rick Von Rock, and Jim Hill.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 7/05/17 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

2017 State Legislative Session Update: Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs Consultant Chelsea Hager updated the Council on the State Legislative Session. Discussion followed.

2017 Six Year Financial Forecast: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the current six year financial forecast to the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Change Order Request and Final Closeout:** Nutter Corporation - Yew Street Reconstruction Project
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,739,971.89

Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,739,971.89,' motion carried, voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association Chair Person briefed the Council on upcoming events.

Julie Smith, Mirror Images Proprietor, spoke about parking under the Allen Street Bridge.

Michael Brock, Kelso, spoke about a certain area affected by the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Tammy Waddell, Kelso, spoke about a certain area affected by the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Bill Standard, Kelso, spoke about a certain area affected by the proposed annexation of

the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Linda and Jim Morkert, Longview, spoke about a certain area affected by the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands. They distributed a signed petition opposing the annexation.

Barney Pundt, Kelso, spoke about the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

Scott Waddell, Kelso, spoke about a certain area affected by the proposed annexation of the South Kelso unincorporated islands.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Workshop Discussion – Proposed Annexation of the South Kelso Unincorporated Islands: City Manager Steve Taylor provided a follow up from the discussion that originated at the July 5th Regular Meeting regarding the proposed annexation. Lengthy discussion followed. Jeremy Vorse, from Kelso, spoke from the audience. Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Direct staff to bring forward a resolution with the intent of annexing the area encompassing properties that front Hazel Street and south in the unincorporated areas of South Kelso.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

2017 Supplemental Lodging Tax Requests: Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, ‘Approve the two applications for lodging tax funds,’ motion passed, all voting yes. The approved allocation requests were as follows:

- \$100,000.00 – For completion of the Tam O’Shanter Restroom and Pavilion Project.
- \$3,500.00 – Increase to the Highlander Festival’s allocation to reimburse the City for labor expenses related to the event.

Public Works Department Staff Addition: Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Authorize the hiring of an additional Traffic Technician overlay to prepare for an impending retirement,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Commented that the next regular meeting will be held at Tam O’Shanter Park during the National Night Out Event. He mentioned that the Rotary Club would be doing a presentation. 2) Reported on the recent 911 Communication Center Governance Committee meetings. 3) Updated the Council on the Humane Society Service Agreement.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: No report.

Rick Von Rock: No report.

Nancy Malone: Requested that the City works together with citizens regarding parking under the bridge. Discussion followed.

Rick Roberson: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Larry Alexander: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



MAYOR



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