

Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute then called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Rick Von Rock, Larry Alexander, Rick Roberson, David Futcher, Kim Lefebvre, Jim Hill, and Nancy Malone.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the minutes of the 9/19/17 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring **October 26, 2017, as "Lights On Afterschool Day"** in the City of Kelso. YMCA Chief Executive Officer Janine Manny and Youth and Family Link Program Coordinator Kim Hogue accepted the proclamation. They were accompanied by several children that distributed fliers and invitations for the 'Lights On Afterschool Day' event.

Mayor Futcher read a proclamation declaring October, as "**Domestic Violence Action Month**" in the City of Kelso. Emergency Shelter Case Manager Jill Matthews accepted the proclamation. She provided fliers for the upcoming 2017 Candle Light Ceremony and the Justice & Hope Conference.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Revenue Sources for 2018 Current Expense Budget: Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Finance Director Brian Butterfield provided an overview charting the revenues in the General Fund back to 2010. Staff recommended a 1% increase in the property tax levy.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA: None

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Dian Cooper: Family Health Center Chief Executive, spoke about the center's Syringe Exchange Program.

Star Garcia: South Kelso Neighborhood Association Chair, spoke about the need for volunteers in community organizations and upcoming cleaning and donation events.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cowlitz 911 Communications Center Governance Update: City Manager Steve Taylor provided an update on the 911 Communication Center governance review effort and a proposal to form an independent 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) agency. Cowlitz County 911 Center Supervisor Jerry Jensen and Manager Deanna Wells were in attendance for questions. Lengthy discussion followed. The consensus of the Council was in favor of moving forward with the effort on establishing the 911 Center as an independent entity.

City Council Salary Adjustment: Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Direct Staff to provide, for Council's consideration, an ordinance increasing councilmember's monthly salary by \$100.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Fatcher, Lefebvre, Malone, and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Roberson voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending Title 5 Kelso Municipal Code – Business License Regulations: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING TITLE 5, BUSINESS TAXES, LICENSES AND REGULATIONS TO UPDATE THE REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES FOR REGULATED BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) 2017 Budget Revision No. 1: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2017-2018 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 17-1188 Declare Surplus Property – Retiring Officer's Service Pistol: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 17-1188,' A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Reported on a recent meeting with Lieutenant Governor Cyrus Habib, Economic Development Council board members, and local business owners. 2) Provided an update on blight issues and cleaning events in the city.

STAFF REPORT:

Community Development Director/City Engineer-Mike Kardas: Spoke about the 2018 "Solutions to Stormwater Pollution" Student Calendar Contest.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Nancy Malone: Commented about her vacation.

Jim Hill: 1) Commented that Altrusa needed volunteers to participate in their food bag donation event. 2) Spoke about the County Landfill ownership. 3) Spoke about the City providing funding assistance for the maintenance and upgrades to Catlin Hall.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Rick Roberson: Commented that he is no longer available for his position on the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments Board.

Larry Alexander: Commented that the Rapsallion River Rats Association would be holding a food drive for the VFW Hall this Saturday at Skippers Restaurant.

Rick Von Rock: No report.

David Futcher: Commented that he would not be attending the next council meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK