

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

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/3/17 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Deputy Mayor Roberson read a proclamation declaring October 20, 2017, as "Community Media Day" in the City of Kelso. KLTV Executive Director Barry Verrill accepted the proclamation.

PRESENTATION:

National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program: NLC Representative Bill Coffey provided an informative presentation regarding an insurance product that provides limited coverage to residents for utility and in-home plumbing repairs and replacements. There were two program options for consideration. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Direct Staff to move forward with the Royalty Program option'. Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Lefebvre, and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Roberson and Malone voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Purchase:** Public Works Equipment – 2017 Kubota Mini Excavator, Tilt Trailer, and Powertilt Attachment.
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,116,776.59

Item No. 1 (Purchase Public Works Equipment) was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion.

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Malone, 'Approve the Consent Agenda, with the removal of Item No. 1, and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,116,776.59,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Continuation of the Consent Agenda (Item No. 1 previously removed): Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson briefed the Council on the proposed purchases. Discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Malone, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the purchases as presented,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZEN'S BUSINESS:

Jackie Collins, from Kelso, spoke about Haussler Road and West Vista Way.

Star Garcia, South Kelso Neighborhood Association (SKNA) Chairman spoke about the support received from the City of Kelso and the community. She provided an update on SKNA's current and upcoming activities. She distributed a flier for their 'Toys for Joy' event.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

South Kelso Railroad Crossing Environmental Clearance Consultant Agreement:

Upon motion by Councilmember Von Rock, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract with HDR, Inc. in the amount of \$753,834', motion passed, all voting yes.

2018 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Allocations: City Manager Steve Taylor briefed the Council on the two revised applications originally presented at the 10/3/17 Regular Council meeting. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, 'Approve the allocation recommendations as presented', motion passed all voting yes. The allocations were as follows:

- Kelso Highlander Festival - \$20,000 (requested \$20,000)
- Kelso Longview Chamber, Visitor Information Center - \$54,162 (requested \$63,762)
- Kelso Longview Chamber, Visitor's Guide - \$1,111.50 (requested \$1,111.50)
- Kelso Longview Chamber, S'quatch Fest - \$2,500 (requested \$2,500)
- Kelso Girls Wrestling - \$9,000 (requested \$9,000)
- LCC Athletics, three (3) sporting events - \$5,000 (requested \$5,000)
- Kelso Babe Ruth World Series - \$20,000 (requested \$20,000)
- Columbia Theatre - \$20,250 (requested \$20,250)
- Cowlitz County Museum - \$15,000 (requested \$15,000)
- Kelso Powwow - \$2,000 (requested \$2,000)
- Mark Morris Booster Club - \$4,000 (requested \$4,000)
- Squirrel fest - \$5,000 (requested 10,000)
- City of Kelso – Visitor Center - WSDOT Airspace Lease & WCIA Insurance premium - \$1,500 (requested \$1,500)

Donation of Real Estate (Cowlitz Parcel 23895): City Manager Taylor briefed the Council on a proposed donation from the Riverview Trust Company representing the Frank L. and Arlene G. Price Foundation. The property is .32 acres and adjacent to

the Rotary Park in the Butler Acres neighborhood. The Council directed Staff to accept the donation and move forward with the process.

Council Rules of Procedure Review Subcommittee Recommendation: Deputy Mayor Roberson briefed the Council on the recommendation. Discussion followed. City Manager Taylor commented that staff will bring back a draft amendment for consideration.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Amending KMC 2.04.030 Councilmember

Compensation: 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 AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.04—CITY COUNCIL—TO INCREASE THE SALARY PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.’ Councilmembers Von Rock, Alexander, Lefebvre, Hill, and Malone voted yes. Councilmember Roberson voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Ordinance No. 17-3897 – Budget Revision No.1 for the 2017 Fiscal Year:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Von Rock, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 17-3897, ‘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.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 17-3898 – Amending Title 5 Kelso Municipal Code relating to

Business License Regulations: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 17-3898, ‘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.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Provided an update on the current negotiations for animal control services. 2) Reported that the Planning Commission was considering amending the zoning regulations for Marijuana Retail Businesses. 3) Announced that the City received grants from the Office of Public Defense for indigent defense improvements.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Announced that this month would be Library Manager Cindy Schimpf's 35th year anniversary and Deputy Clerk Traci Howard's 10th year anniversary with the City of Kelso.

Police Chief Andrew Hamilton: Announced that this month would be Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson's 22nd year anniversary with the City of Kelso.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Nancy Malone: No report.

Jim Hill: 1) Announced that a Cowlitz County Homeless Housing Task Force meeting was scheduled next week.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Larry Alexander: Commented that there was two weeks until the haunting of the Kelso Veterans Park.

Rick Von Rock: No report.

Rick Roberson: No report.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Roberson adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



DEPUTY MAYOR



CITY CLERK