

Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance David Futcher, Jim Hill, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Mike Karnofski, Jeffrey McAllister, and Larry Alexander.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/01/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Malone read a proclamation declaring October as "Domestic Violence Action Month" in the City of Kelso. Emergency Support Shelter Program Manager Randi Alexander-Rolison accepted the proclamation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**2020 Legislative Agenda:** Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs Lobbying Consultant Josh Weiss provided an overview of the draft City of Kelso 2020 Legislative Agenda.

**Water and Sewer Rate Study:** FCS Group Sr. Program Manager Gordon Wilson and Project Manager Tage Aaker presented three scenarios on proposed updates to the water, sewer and stormwater rates. Their recommendation was to increase the rates to meet the revenue requirements for Kelso's adopted Capital Improvement Program. Lengthy discussion followed.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

**The Beacon Youth,** representatives invited everyone to attend the Town Hall & Youth Panel event on November 7, 2019. Fliers were distributed to the Council and staff.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Contract Closeout:** Minor Road Reservoir Replacement Project – Ward-Henshaw Construction Co., Inc.
2. **Contract Closeout:** Tam O'Shanter Parking Improvements Project – Advanced Excavating Specialists, LLC.
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$ 2,010,009.15

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,010,009.15', motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Contract Supplement – Management and Inspection Services Agreement for Runway Maintenance Project:** Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the Council on the proposed supplement. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Approve the contract supplement for \$9,514.95 with Century West Engineering,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 19-3934 – Verizon Franchise for Small Cell Wireless Facilities:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3934 ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, GRANTING TO VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW) LLC D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO INSTALL OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SMALL CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN, ON, OVER, UPON, ALONG, AND ACROSS CITY RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF KELSO,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Amending the rates for Garbage Collection Service:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Asked for the Council’s direction regarding the proposed water, sewer, and stormwater rates. Discussion followed. **Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Move to adopt the water, sewer and stormwater rates as recommended by the FCS Group,’ Councilmembers Futcher, Hill, Lefebvre, Malone, Karnofski, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.** 2) Announced that, thanks to the hard work of Executive/Legal Assistant Jessica Bronstein, the City of Kelso was recently awarded \$60K for 2020 and \$60K for 2021 by the Washington State Office of Public Defense for legal defense costs. 3) Commented that there would be a council workshop on Dec. 3, 2019, from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, to meet with the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> District Legislators. 4) Announced that there would be a closed meeting following the regular session to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** 1) Commented that

there would be a revision to the speed limit on Allen Street from North Kelso Drive to the Allen Street freeway interchange. He commented that a sign posting the school zone hours would be installed on Allen Street. 2) Distributed renderings of certain completed improvement projects and potential improvements projects created by Kelso Civil Engineer Shaun Wright.

**Library Manager Natalee Corbett:** Announced that a Harvest Festival event sponsored by Longview-Kelso Altrusa and Friends of Kelso Library would be on October 26, 2019, at 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson:** Commented that Shaun Wright would be providing a presentation at the Park Board Meeting on Thursday, at 1:00 PM.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** Provided an update on officer staffing and calls for service.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Larry Alexander:** No report.

**Jeffrey McAllister:** No report.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Reported on the Kelso Downtown Group's recent and upcoming activities. 2) Commented that the Grade Street Dedication would be Thursday, at 11:00 AM, near Izzy's parking lot.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** No report.

**David Futcher:** Spoke about a forthcoming Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation.

**Nancy Malone:** Announced that the Council would adjourn into the closed meeting to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. The meeting was expected to last 10 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney would not be present.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:42 PM

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:42 PM.

  
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