

Pastor Larry Jones from Faith Center Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Mike Karnofski, Jeffrey McAllister, and Larry Alexander. Councilmembers David Futcher and Jim Hill were absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/5/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2019-2020 Mid-biennial Review for Fiscal Year 2020: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the proposed changes to the 2020 Budget of the City.

At 6:14 PM, Mayor Malone opened the public hearing. A brief discussion followed. There being no comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:17 PM.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Lisa Alexander, from Kelso, commented that there would be a memorial service held at St. Mary's Catholic Church this Friday, at 11:00 AM, for a Highlander Festival Chairman that had recently passed away. She spoke about the upcoming Annual ARRR Pirates' 'Day of Giving' fundraising event on Dec. 15th.

Spencer Boudreau: Introduced himself as Habitat for Humanity Community Organizer for the Longview area. He commented that there would be a lot of upcoming outreach to the Longview and Kelso communities.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout:** Carroll Road Culvert Replacements, Clark and Sons Excavating, Inc.
2. **Change Order \$65,340.83 and Contract Closeout:** Runway Maintenance Project, Clark and Sons Excavating, Inc.
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,360,298.83

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,360,298.83,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Budget Revision No. 1 and Mid-biennial Review for the 2020 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, '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 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 19-3936 – Setting the 2020 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3936, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,584,537 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2020 BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Malone, Karnofski, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Ordinance No. 19-3937 – Adopting Water and Sewer Rates for 2020-2024: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3937, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 18-3920 FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Malone, Karnofski, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Ordinance No. 19-3938 – Amending Kelso Municipal Code Chapter 5.02 and 5.03 relating to Business and Occupations Tax: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3938, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING CHAPTER 5.02 AND 5.03 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BRING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX PROVISIONS INTO CONFORMANCE WITH STATEWIDE MODEL ORDINANCE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 35.102 RCW.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 19-1215 – Authorizing an increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Pass Resolution No. 19-1215, ' A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN

ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY, NEWLY CONSTRUCTED WIND TURBINES, AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Malone, Karnofski, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

Resolution No. 19-1216 – Declare Surplus of Property, Glock 21SF: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 19-1216, '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:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about the process in setting up the two newly elected councilmembers. 2) Reported on the 'Workforce Southwest Washington Grant Kick-off' event he and Councilmember Karnofski attended earlier in the day. 3) Reported on the Employee Health Benefits Fair that was held earlier in the day. 4) Announced that the Tree Lighting Festival would be December 6th, from 6 PM to 8 PM.

STAFF REPORT:

Administrative Sergeant Kevin Tate: Commented that the 'Shop with a Cop' event would be December 7th.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Kelso Business Group meeting he recently attended. He commented that the group is getting great cooperation and support from the City.

Kim Lefebvre: Commented that purchasing Safeway Turkey Bucks raises money for the local community.

Nancy Malone: Commented a congratulations to the newly elected officials and not to forget about the Safeway Turkey Bucks.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Nancy Malone

MAYOR

Brian Smith

CITY CLERK