

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, from New Song Worship Center, 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 Jeffery McAllister, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Keenan Harvey, Richard McCaine, Lisa Alexander, and Mike Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 04/20/21 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Joy Bosworth, from Kelso, spoke about the current sewer rate she pays and about a sewer rate discount for citizens on Social Security Disability Insurance.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Adopting Updates to the Kelso Engineering Design

Manual: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 17-3894, BY UPDATING CHAPTERS 1, 2, 3, 5 AND 6 OF THE KELSO ENGINEERING DESIGN MANUAL.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending Sewer Capital Recovery Fees: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-3937 FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Acknowledged Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield and Deputy City Clerk Traci Howard in respects to Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 2nd – 8th. 2) Reported that Governor Inslee had paused the phasing of his statewide reopening plan so Cowlitz County would remain in Phase 2. 3) Provided a Cowlitz County COVID-19 statistics update. 4) Spoke of various meetings he recently attended. 5). Recognized the great work of the Kelso Police Department in respects to the upcoming National Police Week.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Provided an update on the West Main Realignment Project. 2) Provided an update on the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project. 3) Provided an update on the Donation Pump Station Replacement Project. Discussion followed regarding the traffic light turn signals from West Main toward Cowlitz Way.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Announced that there was one Kelso officer due to graduate from the academy this year. It will be the first in-person graduation ceremony since the beginning of the pandemic. 3) Thanked the Council and the citizens of Kelso for their ongoing support.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: 1) Thanked the Lower Columbia Contractors Association for their donation of supplies and participation at the downtown clean-up event. 2) Commented about citizens concerns regarding the recycling stations not being appropriately maintained.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Commented on the recycling station located at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Richard McCaine: 1) Commented on the cardboard collection at the recycling station. 2) Spoke about bringing back an agenda item from the last regular meeting. Discussion followed.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK