

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 Larry Alexander, Mike Karnofski, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Jeff McAllister, David Futcher, and Jim Hill.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Minutes of 1/15/19 Regular Meeting and the 1/29/19 Special Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Downtown Kelso Revitalization: Rural and Small Business Expert Becky McCray provided an informational presentation on revitalizing Kelso's downtown area.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP): Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided the six-year plan that identified budgets and proposed schedules for specific projects in Transportation, Water, Sewer, Drainage, and the Airport. Citizens that spoke from the audience were as follows:

- Rick Von Rock, Kelso, WA
- Tim Scott, Longview, WA

Lengthy discussion followed. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Steve Coulter, from Kelso, spoke about the Hazel Street Railroad Crossing Project.

CONSENT AGENDA: None.

Councilmember Futcher left the chambers at 6:46 p.m. and was absent for the rest of the meeting.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cowlitz Homeless Housing Task Force Update: City Manager Steve Taylor presented the sites in Kelso and Longview for temporary/emergency homeless housing facilities as proposed by the task force. Lengthy discussion followed.

Kelso Municipal Code 17.26 Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Planning Manager Tammy Baraconi provided an overview of the proposed changes to the code.

Contract Award – Haussler Road Pavement Repairs: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Approve the contract with Advanced Excavating Specialists for \$179,243’. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (2nd Reading) Franchise Agreement for Telecommunications Service: This item was removed from the agenda to be brought back at a later date.

Ordinance No. 19-3926 – Amending the Public Disclosure Policy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3926, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.26 PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 19-1204 – 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass Resolution No. 19-1204, ‘ A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF 2019 – 2024.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Announced that the ‘City Action Days’ event held at the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Conference would be Wednesday and Thursday of next week. 2) Provided an update on the 2019 Legislative Session as it relates to Kelso’s Special Lodging Tax Bill, the Lowest Bidder Flexibility Bill, and capital project funding requests. 3) Spoke about department head annual reports. 4) Provided an update on the Catlin Spray Park Improvement Project. Discussion followed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton: 1) Commented that the Citizens’ Police Academy would be starting soon. 2) Commented about the ‘Coffee with a Cop’ event on February 13th, at Target Starbucks.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: Spoke about a recently passed resolution by the County as it relates to the I-1639 Initiative. Discussion followed.

Jim Hill: Provided an update on the forthcoming improvements to the Rister Stadium funded by donations and volunteers.

Nancy Malone: Spoke on behalf of the Council offering their sincere condolences on the tragic passing of Kayla Chapman.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.


Deputy **MAYOR**


CITY CLERK