

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

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Minutes of the 12/6/16 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Five Year Financial Forecast: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided the City's financial forecast highlighting the general, water, sewer, and solid waste funds for the years 2017 through 2021.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Extension:** Backflow Management, Inc., 2017-2019
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,391,034.66

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,391,034.66,' motion carried, all voting yes.

CITIZEN BUSINESS:

Pathways 2020 Director Paul Youmans: Provided an update of Pathways 2020 activities and events. He distributed help cards that provide contact information of various community agencies. He provided a poster showing a decrease in the percentages of issues such as youth arrests for violent crimes, suicides, and the high school dropout rate.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: None.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Granting Six Month Extension to Astound Broadband, LLC Cable Telecommunications Franchise Agreement: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO GRANTING A SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ASTOUND BROADBAND LLC AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO GRANT FURTHER EXTENSIONS NOT EXCEEDING SIX

ADDITIONAL MONTHS.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 16-3884 – 2016 Budget Revision No. 3: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 16-3884, ‘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 2015-2016 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: Spoke about this year’s activities and achievements. He thanked the Staff and the Council for providing great service and leadership to the residences of the City of Kelso. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Library Manager Cindy Donaldson: Thanked the Council for their support and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Commented a Merry Christmas to everyone.

Rick Roberson: 1) Announced that the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments is offering to help cover the cost for a planner to attend the Smart Growth Training in February 2017. Commented a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Todd McDaniel: No report.

Jim Hill: 1) Commented on how much the financial forecast presentation was very helpful. 2) Commented on the great job the Public Works crew did on deicing the streets during the recent snowstorm.

David Futcher: He commented that he is very optimistic that Kelso’s future holds opportunity for growth. He commented Merry Christmas to everyone.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK