

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

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 6/16/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Declare Surplus of Certain Property acquired for Public Utility Purposes:** Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM. City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the items.

There being no comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:05 PM.

**CITIZENS' BUSINESS:**

Mayor Malone read comments submitted by the following citizens into the record:

- **Travis Keele** – Kelso Babe Ruth (KBR) Facility Use Agreement
- **Cal Miller** – KBR agreement
- **Jim Hill** – KBR agreement and face coverings during the pandemic
- **Thomas Casey** – KBR agreement
- **Tammy Jones** – KBR agreement
- **Bob Smith** – KBR agreement

**CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Discussion - Cowlitz County Health Department and COVID Numbers:**

Councilmember Alexander briefed the Council on her attempt to obtain Cowlitz County Covid-19 testing numbers from the Cowlitz County Health Department. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Request from Cowlitz County an inquiry into the Cowlitz County Health Department COVID-19 numbers.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers McAllister, Harvey, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Futcher, and Malone voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 4.

**Discussion – Kelso Babe Ruth Facility Use Agreement and Request:** City Manager Hamilton briefed the Council on KBR’s request to extend the 2019 Facility Use Agreement to the end of the season on March 31, 2021. City Attorney Janean Parker provided an overview on the proposed changes in the KBR agreement under the recommendations of the Council. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Direct the city manager to authorize an extension to the 2019 Facility Use Agreement until December 31, 2020.’ Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Amend the previous motion to direct the city manager to authorize an extension to the 2019 KBR Facility Use Agreement to December 31, 2020, include the legal clauses, as recommended by the city attorney, and omit the language regarding Kelso High School.’ Motion passed, all voting yes. It was determined that the amended motion showed consensus of the Council.

**Discussion – Statewide order requirement to wear face coverings:** By consensus of the Council, this item was removed from the agenda.

#### **MOTION ITEMS:**

**Resolution No. 20-1233 – Declare Surplus of Certain Personal Property:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, ‘Pass Resolution No. 20-1233, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS AND SALE OF CERTAIN UTILITY PROPERTY,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

#### **MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Acknowledged Cowlitz Economic Development Council President Ted Sprague, Community Engagement Director Lindsey Cope, and Executive Board/Kelso Councilmember Mike Karnofski for their assistance to local businesses on the CARES Act rent relief program. 2) Reported on the updated “Safe Start” phase 2 statewide reopening plan and Cowlitz County COVID-19 statistics. 3) Spoke of various meetings he recently attended. 4) Reported that an AFSCME grievance was resolved. 5) Commented that Sister Cities Exchange President LaDonna Page asked him to acknowledge Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson for his assistance on recreating the Sister Cities Park at the Tam O’Shanter Park. 6) Announced that Finance Director Brian Butterfield had received the 2018 Award for Excellence in Government Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. 7) Commented that the City would have to be in phase 3 of the “Safe Start” reopening plan in order to hold a council meeting that could be physically attended by the public.

#### **STAFF REPORTS:**

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** Provided an update on the Tam O'Shanter Improvement Project, the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project, and the West Main Realignment Phase 2 Project.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** Provided an update on the police officer staff.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Mike Karnofski:** Provided an update on the local grant awards from the CARES Act Rent Relief Program.

**Lisa Alexander:** No report.

**David Futcher:** No report.

**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**Jeffrey McAllister:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Nancy Malone:** No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:37 PM.

*Nancy Malone*  
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MAYOR

*Rivian Futcher*  
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CITY CLERK