

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, 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, Jeffrey McAllister, David Futcher, and Jim Hill.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/19/19 Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

2-1-1 Social Services Information Resources: Cowlitz Health & Human Services Social Services Coordinator Evelyn Marques introduced Noé Salinas from Southwest Washington 2-1-1. Mr. Salinas provided an overview of the organization's resource services that served four Southwest Washington counties and Oregon.

Kelso Real Estate Market Update: City of Kelso Real Estate Agents Todd Wade and Chris Roewe, from Woodford Commercial Real Estate, provided a brief presentation regarding the state of the local real estate market. Lengthy discussion followed.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Gateway Educational Services Executive Director Linda Osborne, from Kelso, spoke about the zoning in the tutoring center's neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Tam O'Shanter Park Parking and Circulation Construction Project: Community Development Director Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the bids. City Manager Taylor briefed the Council on funding options to fill the gap between the base bids and the engineer's estimate. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Award the base and additive bid to Advanced Excavating for \$1,653,959.73.' Motion passed, all voting yes. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Council was to do an Interfund loan from the G.O. Bond Fund to the Parks Fund and replenish the G.O. Bond Fund with appropriations from the stadium tax funds of \$100,000 for the year 2020 and 2021.

Project Management Services – West Main Realignment Project Phase II: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with Walsh Consulting Group, LLC, for \$64,500.', motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:**Ordinance No. 19-3927 – Kelso Municipal Code 17.26 Environmentally Sensitive**

Areas Update: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 19-3927, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 17.26 ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS TO UPDATE THE CRITICAL AREAS PROVISIONS OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Steve Taylor: 1) Provided a follow-up discussion from the 2/5/19 Regular Council Meeting regarding Initiative 1639 relating to gun restrictions. Discussion followed. 2) Provided a legislative update. 3) Spoke about the rekindling of the Sister City Committee and that they were organizing a delegation to visit Kelso, Scotland in 2020. 4) Spoke about the Association of Washington Cities Lobby Day 2019 event scheduled for March 25th. 5) Provided an update on the location of the new 911 facility. 6) Reported on a meeting with Kelso Downtown Revitalization Association President Mike Julian. 7) Spoke about renewing the Solid Waste Collection Agreement with Waste Control. 8) Announced that there would be a closed meeting following the regular council meeting to discuss a collective bargaining strategy.

STAFF REPORTS

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: Commented on current and upcoming programs at the library.

Utility Operations Manager Devin Mackin: Reported on current activities of the public works department.

Chief of Police Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported on the new officers in the department. 2) Commented about the continued work on the homicide case from January. 3) Reported on the current activities and events of the police department.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: Spoke about a Science Sunday Fair event at the Children's Discovery Museum on March 10, 2019.

David Fatcher: Spoke about revisiting the concept of a joint Parks and Recreation Program with the City of Longview.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Spoke in favor of a joint Parks and Recreation Program. 2) Commented that the Downtown Business Development meeting was Thursday, March 7, 2019, at Catlin Properties.

Larry Alexander: No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Nancy Malone

MAYOR

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK