

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, from New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Deputy Mayor Lefebvre led the flag salute. Deputy Mayor Lefebvre called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jim Hill, Jeffrey McAllister, Kim Lefebvre, David Futcher, Larry Alexander, and Mike Karnofski. Mayor Nancy Malone was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/20/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Deputy Mayor Lefebvre read a proclamation declaring September, as “**Library Card Sign-up Month**” in the City of Kelso. Library Manager Natalee Corbett accepted the proclamation and spoke about the library card program and incentives.

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Sergeant Introduction and Oath of Office: Chief of Police Darr Kirk introduced Officer Tim Gower as the new Police Sergeant of the City of Kelso. He administered the Oath of Office. Sergeant Gower's wife Melissa Gower pinned the badge.

Southwest Washington Regional Airport (SWRA) 2020 Budget: Airport Manager Chris Paolini presented a draft budget for the year 2020. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Adopt the 2020 SWRA Budget: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Adopt the 2020 SWRA Budget as presented,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Repealing Penalties on Delinquent Inactive Utility Accounts: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON REPEALING ORDINANCE NO 12-3761 RELATING TO PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) 2019 Budget Revision No.2: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, '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 2019-2020 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Interfund Loan – G. O. Bond Fund to Arterial Street Fund: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Fatcher, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE G.O. BOND FUND TO THE ARTERIAL STREET FUND AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOAN,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Brian Butterfield: 1) Announced that there would be an executive session for the acquisition of a certain property. 2) Commented that he would be attending the 2019 WFOA Annual Conference and would not be at the September 17th council meeting. 3) Commented that revisions to the 2019-2020 biennial budget and a public hearing regarding property tax would be brought to the Council in October.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney Janean Parker: 1) Commented that Verizon would be providing a presentation proposing a telecommunications franchise for small cell network at a future meeting. She commented that a draft ordinance would be forthcoming. 2) Commented that she would not be attending the September 17th council meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: 1) Reported that the spray park had been shut-off for the season. 2) Commented that chip sealing starts tomorrow morning followed by the striping of the streets.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Reported that the department was in the final stage of implementing an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV). 2) Commented that they are in the planning stages for a K-9 Unit and that more information would be forthcoming. 3) Provided a staffing report. 4) Announced that today was the new City Prosecuting Attorney's first day on the staff.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: 1) Announced that a meeting of the Kelso Business Association was this Thursday, 9:00 AM, at the Cowlitz County Historical Museum. 2) Announced that the Cowlitz Economic Development Council was holding a Fall Clean-up event for downtown Kelso on Saturday, September 7th, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM., at the city hall parking lot.

Larry Alexander: No report.

David Futcher: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Jim Hill: Spoke about his departure from the Cowlitz County Homeless Task Force.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:37 PM, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss acquisition of a certain property. The executive session was expected to last approximately 10 minutes and no action would be taken. The City Attorney was not present.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:49 PM.

At 6:49 PM, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre announced that the Council would convene into executive session to discuss terms and conditions of an employee. The executive session was expected to last approximately 10 minutes and action may follow. The City Attorney was present.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 6:59 PM. **Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the contract with the new City Manager Andrew Hamilton,' motion passed, all voting yes.**

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.


DEPUTY MAYOR


CITY CLERK