

Pastor Jay Peach, from Faith Center Church, 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 David Futcher, Jim Hill, Kim Lefebvre, Nancy Malone, Mike Karnofski, Jeffrey McAllister, and Larry Alexander.

City Manager Oath of Office: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield administered the oath to Andrew Hamilton.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/17/19 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:3003 PM. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of revenue sources for the upcoming year. Holly Norris spoke from the audience. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM.

CITIZENS' BUSINESS:

Bill Josh, from Longview, congratulated the Council for their decision on hiring the new city manager. He spoke of the recent improvements to Tam O'Shanter Park.

Holly Norris, from Kelso, spoke about scheduling a time to meet with the Mayor to discuss homelessness. Mayor Malone stated that she would get with her after the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Final Quantity Reconciliation and Contract Closeout:** Pavement Repairs to Sunrise Street – Fishers Lane, Advanced Excavating Specialists

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Consent Agenda,' motion carried, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Granting a Telecommunications Franchise to Verizon Wireless: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON GRANTING TO VERIZON WIRELESS (VAW) LLC D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO INSTALL

OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SMALL CELL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN, ON, OVER, UPON, ALONG, AND ACROSS CITY RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE CITY OF KELSO,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Announced that the city planner position would be opening up next week. 2) Commented that union negotiations were approaching for the Teamsters and the Police Officers Guild. 3) Commented that he attended the memorial service for Cowlitz Fire Battalion Chief Mike Zainfeld. 4) Commented that he was following the directions provided in the council goals work plan.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Commented that City Planner Tammi Baraconi's last day would be October 11th. He commented that the staff would research the salary for the planning manager position and bring back an amended salary matrix for the Council's consideration.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Thanked the public works crew for their assistance in the memorial service. 2) Provided an update on the police officer staffing.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Commented that a few ordinances and a resolution regarding the budget would be forthcoming. 2) Spoke about a possible proposal for a water/sewer rate increase. 3) Commented that an ordinance regarding a rate increase for solid waste collection would be forthcoming.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Larry Alexander: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jim Hill: Commented that it was good to see Rick Von Rock in the audience.

David Futcher: Commented that the AWC Regional Conference on October 30th, would be great for councilmembers to attend.

Nancy Malone: Thanked Deputy Mayor Lefebvre for filling in for her while she was on vacation.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:26 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK