

Mayor Karnofski called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Pastor Larry, from the Reign Church gave the invocation. Mayor Mike Karnofski led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Jim Hill, Lisa Alexander, Brian Wood, Ladonna Page, Mike Karnofski, and Kim Lefebvre. Councilmember Keenan Harvey was absent.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre 'Add a presentation from the PUD on street lights' Motion passed, all voting yes. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre 'Approve the Agenda as written with the addition of a presentation from the PUD.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2023 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Kelly Parsons and Daniel Myers from the PUD provided the council with an overview of the project to replace lights around the city.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: 1 Citizen from the audience spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts - \$3,056,194.77

Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,056,194.77.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending the salary schedule for city non-represented employees: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON
AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CITY NON-
REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ADOPTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET
BY ORDINANCE 22-3989 AND AS AMENDED BY ORIDNANCE 23-3998.**

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander 'Approve the ordinance on the 1st reading to amend the salary schedule for non-represented employees adopted as part of the budget.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance 2nd Reading. Setting the 2024 property tax levy amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,715,442 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2024 BUDGET OF THE CITY.** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Page 'Approve the ordinance on the 2nd reading setting of the 2024 tax levy.' Councilmember Page, Lefebvre, Wood, Karnofski and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passes 5 to 1.

Resolution 23-1284 A Resolution authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy. The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Approve the Resolution authorizing an increase in the regular property tax levy in addition to any amount resulting from new construction.' Councilmember Page, Lefebvre, Wood, Karnofski and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passes 5 to 1.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings he attended.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Updated council on current and upcoming projects.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an update of current tasks being performed by the Public Works Department.

Police Seargent Timothy Gower: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

LaDonna Page: Reported on the meetings she recently attended.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Absent.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on recent meetings she attended.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on the various meetings she attended.

Mike Karnofski: No report.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK