

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Kevin Kennedy from Regin Church gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson, Brian Wood, Jim Hill, Keenan Harvey and Kim Lefebvre.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski. 'Approve the agenda as presented,' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: One citizen from the audience spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Revenue Sources for Upcoming Year:

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 6:04 PM. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of revenue sources for the upcoming year. Discussion followed.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:27

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts - \$3,618,096.83

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,618,096.83,' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item – Public Wi-Fi: After discussion and upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, "Direct the City Manager to look into the cost of public wi-fi and report back to council.' Councilmember Harvey then motioned to amend the original motion to include that, "City Manager Hamilton bring back the requested information by the December 3, 2024 meeting to allow enough time to investigate and before the ARPA fund deadline.' Councilmember Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Hill, Wood and Harvey voted yes, councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 24-1299 – Declare Certain Item as Surplus and No longer of Any Further Use to the City – 2008 Nissan Pickup: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.’ Approve resolution 24-1299.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 24-1300 – Declare Certain Item as Surplus and No longer of Any Further Use to the City- John Deere Tractor and Cutter: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF, ‘Approve resolution 24-1300,’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 24-1301 - Amending the Employee Handbook to Reflect Changes to 4.3 – Medical, Dental, and Vision Benefits; 5.2 C -Sick Leave Buy Back; 5.12 – Leave Sharing; Appendix D-Salary Matrix: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-1280 AND ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE SALARY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES, AND AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK APPLYING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS INDICATED THEREIN. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Approve resolution 24-1301,’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 24-4014 – Amending the Non-Represented Salary Matrix: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass on the second reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE AND PAY GRADE STEPS FOR CITY NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ADOPTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET BY ORDINANCE 22-3989.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 24-4013 Annexation of Real Property Owned by the City of Kelso and Associated County Right-of-Way Related to the Hazel Street Railroad Grade Separation Project: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by

Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass on the second reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF KELSO AND ASSOCIATED COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND INCORPORATING THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Updated council on Hazel Street Crossing project and he expects to make progress in the next few weeks.

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

Administrative Sargent Mark Berglund: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: No report.

Veryl Anderson: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.


Keenan Harvey: Provided an overview of meetings and events he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on various meetings she attended.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK