

Pastor Jeremy Hilton, from the Faith Center gave the invocation. Mayor Mike Karnofski led the flag salute. Mayor Karnofski called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were, Keenan Harvey, LaDonna Page, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/01/22 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/01/22 Regular Meeting.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers, Harvey, Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

**PRESENTATION:**

**Pavement Management System Introduction and Preliminary Results:** GRI Principal Pavement Engineer Lindsy Hammond presented the results of the Pavement Rating and Management System. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to bring this to the upcoming strategic planning workshop for further discussion.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Moratorium Renewal – Acceptance and Processing of Land use Applications relating to Halfway Houses for Registered Sex Offenders and Convicted Felons:** City Attorney Janean Parker provided an overview of the proposed Six-Month Moratorium.

Mayor Karnofski opened the public hearing at 6:25 PM. There were 3 citizens that spoke from the audience. Lengthy discussion followed.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Karnofski closed the public hearing at 6:47 PM.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

There were 4 citizens that spoke from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Auditing of Accounts: \$1,843,739.72

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,843,739.72,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Agreement Amendment – South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project, Walsh Consulting Group, LLC:** Community Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the amendment. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the agreement amendment for \$26,560'. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Agreement Amendment – South Kelso Railroad Environmental Clearance Project, HDR, Inc:** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the agreement amendment for \$51,690.62 with HDR, Inc.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Boundary Line Adjustment and License Agreement – 314 Oak Street, Kelso Retail Investments, LLC:** City Manager Hamilton briefed the Council on the adjustment and agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Boundary Line Adjustment and License Agreement for 314 Oak Street.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**January 2022 Standing Committee/Board Assignments Review:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve all changes as discussed to the Board assignments.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

The changes to the Kelso City Council Standing Committee/Board Assignments – 2022 were as follows:

- Southwest Washington Regional Airport Authority Board – Alternate Councilmember Page replaced Mayor Karnofski.
- Lodging Tax Advisory – Alternate Councilmember Page was added.
- Park Board Liaison – Alternate Councilmember Page replaced Councilmember Wood.
- TRRWA Oversight Board – Alternate Councilmember Page replaced Mayor Karnofski.
- Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce – Alternate Councilmember Page was added.
- River Cities Transit Authority Board – Councilmember Lefebvre was added.

**Discussion – Proposed Zoning Overlay in the West Main District:** Councilmember Harvey proposed a zoning overlay to allow for certain professional businesses and private medical practices in the West Main District. Lengthy Discussion followed. Upon

motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Direct Staff to review the Unified Development Code citywide with focus on West Kelso.' Councilmember Harvey, Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

**MOTION ITEM:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Renewing Six-Month Moratorium on the Acceptance and Processing of Land use Applications relating to Halfway Houses for Registered Sex Offenders and Convicted Felons:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING A MORATORIUM WITHIN THE CITY ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF LAND USE APPLICATIONS, THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS OR APPROVALS, AND USES OR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF HALFWAY HOUSES AND OTHER SIMILAR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING USES FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX-MONTHS.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 5.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Provided a COVID-19 statistics update. 2) Spoke about the City working with the Cowlitz Economic Development Council and the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments on economic development. 3) Spoke about a property in the industrial area that's for sale. 4) Reported on City compliance with the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System. 5) Reported on the Kelso Senior Center meeting he recently attended. 6) Spoke about the upcoming strategic planning retreat. 7) Reported on a meeting he attended regarding the Kelso Girls Softball field. 8) Spoke about the United Way Youth Day Service Project.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**City Attorney Janean Parker:** Clarified that the Council Rules and Procedures Review Committee was not a formal subcommittee.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** 1) Spoke about the construction work on North Pacific in front of city hall. 2) Provided an update on current and upcoming projects. Discussion followed.

**Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson:** 1) Reported on the current park maintenance program and current activities of the other divisions in the department.

2) Reported on current staff training. 3) At the request of Councilmember Hill, he provided an update on dog stations at the spray park.

**Chief Darr Kirk:** 1) Reported on the current legislative session as it related to law enforcement issues.

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** Reported that the Finance Dept. is working on year end and preparing for the upcoming annual audit.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**LaDonna Page:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** Spoke about the Kelso Senior Center.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** 1) Reported on the River Cities Transit Authority Board she recently attended.

**Brian Wood:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** No report.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Encouraged support for Kelso to receive ARPA Funds. 2) Reported on training he recently attended. 3) Reported on a meeting with U.S. Representative Jaimie Herrera-Beutler.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK