

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, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander. Councilmember LaDonna Page was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/15/22 Regular Meeting and the 3/25/22 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Move Agenda Items 7.1 and 7.2 (Resolutions Declaring Surplus of City Property) from Action/Motion Items to the Consent Agenda.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Karnofski read a proclamation declaring the month of April 2022 as "Fair Housing Month," in the City of Kelso. Lower Columbia Association of Realtors and Washington State Association of Realtors member Laura Yoder accepted the proclamation.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

One citizen spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout:** West Main Realignment Phase II, Midway Underground
2. **Resolution No. 22-1258:** Declare Surplus of Certain City Property, (1) Kelso Police Department Remington Rifle
3. **Resolution No. 22-1259:** Declare Surplus of Certain City Property, (2) Public Works Department trailers

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Contract Award – Pump Station Roof Repairs: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the contract with A Action Group, of Olympia.' Motion passed, all voting yes. The contract was in the amount of \$224,290.20.

Discussion – Council Rules and Procedures Proposed Amendments: City Attorney

Janean Parker commented that the 2022 Legislation had recently passed HB1329 relating to the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). A portion of the bill was recently enacted, therefore, some of the proposed amendments were impacted. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Table this item to the next regular meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Discussion – Federal Lobbyist: City Manager Andrew Hamilton reported that he had reached out to CFM Advocates Federal Lobbyist Joel Rubin to begin discussion about his services. He commented that he and Mayor Karnofski have an upcoming meeting with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs Managing Partner/Federal Affairs Dale Learn regarding his services. He will bring back the information to the Council for their consideration. Discussion followed. A citizen commented from the audience.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported that the City had received a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the State of Washington Attorney General regarding the lawsuit settlement with Oxycontin makers. He commented that he will distribute the MOU to the Council for review and then bring it to the next regular meeting for consideration. 2) He commented that he, Chief Kirk, and Mayor Karnofski had attended a community leader meeting. 3) Commented that the City of Kelso has registered for the United Way Day of Youth Service Project. 4) Spoke about Sergeant Kirk Wiper's retirement event. 5) Spoke about upgrading the council chambers audio/video system to meet the new OPMA requirements.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Reported on officer staffing. 2) Provided an update on the Body Worn Camera Program. 3) Announced that John Diamond will be the next Executive Director of the Cowlitz 911 Center. 4) Spoke about recent deaths of Washington State Officers.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Reported on the Airport Board meeting he attended.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on his visit to the homeless camp located in Longview. 2) Reported on a recent Cowlitz Economic Development Council meeting he attended. 3) Commented that he attended a Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

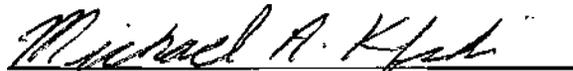
Kim Lefebvre: Reported on the Lower Columbia Community Action Program meeting she attended and announced that she was appointed to the Executive Committee Vice President position.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Jim Hill: 1) Reported on the Homeless-Housing Taskforce meeting he recently attended. 2) Reported on the Kelso Senior Center.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported that he signed two letters on behalf of the City of Kelso; A letter in support of Lower Columbia College's request for \$1.5 million toward the Vocational Studies Center and the other was an acceptance letter for a \$389,000 Surface Block Transportation Grant Award from the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments. 2) Reported on the Kelso Business and Community Association meeting he attended.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK