

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

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the Agenda with the addition of the Walk-on Item.' Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Remove Item 7.2 Discussion Item – Student Transitional Housing Program.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Hill and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Harvey, and Alexander voted no. Motion failed, 2 to 4.

Deputy Mayor Lefebvre reiterated the original motion, 'Approve the Agenda with the addition of the Walk-on Item.' Councilmember Hill, Page, Lefebvre, Harvey, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Wood voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/15/22 Regular Meeting and the 11/15/22 Special Meeting.' Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Harvey, Alexander, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Final Hearing of the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget (Continued from December 5, 2022 Special Meeting): Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield briefed the Council on the biennial budget.

At 6:18 p.m., Deputy Mayor Lefebvre opened the public hearing. There were four citizens from the audience that spoke to the budget hearing.

There being no further comment from the public, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

There were five citizens that spoke from the audience.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Interlocal Agreement – 2019 NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permit Source Control Requirements, City of Longview: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the agreement. Discussion followed. Upon motion

by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Longview.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Discussion – Developing a Student Transitional Housing Program: Councilmember Hill spoke about assisting the professional agencies and entities that are specialized to help students in need. Councilmember Harvey spoke about his proposed program. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Direct the City Manager to meet with all entities available to potentially develop this program.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Harvey, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers Hill, Page, and Wood voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 3.

WALK-ON ITEM:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Adopting the 2023/2024 Biennial Budget of the City: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Butterfield briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE 2023/2024 FISCAL YEARS.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Final Budget Revision for the 2022 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Wood, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2021-2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Mr. Butterfield provided an overview of the revisions. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending KMC Chapter 5.02 relating to a Minimum Business License Threshold for Payment of Licensing Fees: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 5.02 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM BUSINESS LICENCE THRESHOLD FOR PAYMENT OF LICENSING FEES.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending KMC Title 13.09 Stormwater Management: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by

Councilmember Hill seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 13.09 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SOURCE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING DEVELOPMENTS.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Imposing an Additional Sales Tax relating to the Transportation Benefit District: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. There was no motion made. ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, IMPOSING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE KELSO TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DISTRICT IDENTIFIED HEREIN AS AUTHORIZED BY RCW 36.73.040; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.’ Councilmembers Alexander, Hill, Lefebvre, Page, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Harvey voted no. The vote resulted in favor of the proposed ordinance, 5 to 1.

Ordinance No. (2nd Reading) Amending the Rates for Garbage Collection Service: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Wood, ‘Adopt the Ordinance, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Hill, Lefebvre, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, and Page voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 3.

Ordinance No. 22-3984: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3984, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RENEWING THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE TO SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about the Tree Lighting Festival event held last Friday. 2) Provided an update on the Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grant application. 3) Acknowledged Erik Moser as the new interim library manager.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Provided an update on the 8th & Grant Sewer Project and the Tam O’Shanter Parking Improvements

Project. 2) Reported on the new electronic building permit and civil permit program. 3) At the request from Councilmember Wood, he provided an update on the Hazel Street Rail Road Crossing Project.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Provided an update on the flooding issue at the Senior Center. 2) Spoke about being prepared for potential inclement weather. 3) Reported on the recent activities of the Water/Sewer and Traffic Divisions.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Provided an update on the Washington State Department of Transportation CARB Grant Fuel Tank grant application.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Spoke about the Tree Lighting Festival. 2) Announced that the 3rd Annual Rick Huckaby Toy & Food Drive is December 17th, at Tam O'Shanter Park, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Commented that he attended the Kelso-Longview Chambers Board Meeting, the Walk and Knock Food Drive, and the Tree Lighting Festival. 2) Confirmed that the Shop with a Cop event was December 10th, at 7:00 AM.

LaDonna Page: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Thank you to the volunteers at the Tree Lighting Festival.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.


DEPUTY MAYOR


CITY CLERK