

Pastor Jay Peach, 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.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Amend the motion to add a discussion item scheduled for the January 3rd regular council meeting regarding a potential code of conduct violation by Councilmember Hill.' Councilmember Hill, Page, and Lefebvre voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski, Harvey, Alexander, and Wood voted no. Motion failed, 3 to 4.

Mayor Karnofski reiterated the original motion, 'Approve the Agenda as presented,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 12/6/22 Regular Meeting'. Mayor Karnofski commented that there were no minutes for the 12/5/22 Special Meeting because it was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Two citizens spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Municipal Court Judge Appointments
2. Auditing of Accts: \$2,631,574.95

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,631,574.95,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Interlocal Agreement Addendum – After Hours Records Services: Police Chief Darr Kirk briefed the Council on the proposed addendum. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the Addendum to the Interlocal Agreement with the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Professional Services Agreement -Federal Lobbyist: City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Direct the City Manager to execute the agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

2023-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement: City Manager Hamilton briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 58.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 22-3985 Final Budget Revision for the 2022 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3985, ' 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.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 22-3986 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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3986, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 5.02 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM BUSINESS LICENSE THRESHOLD FOR PAYMENT OF LICENSING FEES.' Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Harvey, Alexander, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 22-3987 Amending KMC Title 13.09 Stormwater Management: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3987, '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. 22-3988 Imposing an Additional Sales Tax relating to the Transportation Benefit District: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3988, '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 Karnofski, Alexander, Hill, Lefebvre, Page, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Harvey voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 22-3989 Adopting the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget of the City of

Kelso: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Page, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3989, ‘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.

Resolution No. 22-1276 Amending the Employee Handbook and Non-represented Salary Matrix:

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1276, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 22-1267 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.’ Councilmember Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Harvey, Alexander, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about the City Potluck/Angel Tree Donation event held on December 15th. 2) Reported on a CEDC Board meeting he recently attended. 3) With the consensus of the Council, a goal setting workshop was scheduled for Jan. 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. 4) Commented that the Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park event was extended to December 24th.

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Provided an update on the HVAC System Installation Project. 2) Spoke about preparing for impending inclement weather.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Reported on the Shop with a Cop event held on December 10th. 2) Provided a staffing update. 3) Reported on the recent officer involved shooting incident. 4) Spoke about the upcoming legislative session in Olympia.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: Spoke about discussing complaints regarding him in a public forum.

LaDonna Page: 1) Spoke about the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce holiday event. 2) Encouraged everyone to attend the Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park event at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on a meeting with Waste Connections District Manager Brian Evola he attended. 2) Reported on the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and holiday events. 3) Commented about the Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park event.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Transit Authority Board Meeting she recently attended. 2) Reported on the Rick Huckaby Toy & Food Drive event held last Saturday.

Brian Wood: Reported on the Southwest Washington Regional Airport Board Meeting he recently attended.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Kelso Community Leader Luncheon he attended. 2) Announced that the City received a letter from the TIB awarding Kelso a \$483,000 grant toward the Old Pacific Highway Overlay Project. 3) Spoke about Tam O'Shanter Park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:47 PM, Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss complaints received on a public officer. The session was estimated to last 15 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 7:02 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session. City Attorney Janean Parker commented that, for clarification purposes, the City Council does not have the authority to remove an elected official from office.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK