

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.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 1/03/23 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:** There was one citizen that spoke from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Contract Closeout and Final Quantity Reconciliation – Tam O'Shanter Parking Improvements III Project, Advanced Excavation Specialists

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

**COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:**

**Professional Services Agreement – Planning Consultant:** Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the agreement. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the agreement with TRJ Planning Inc.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Contract Closeout – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sewer Project, Advanced Excavating Specialists:** Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on Change Order No. 2. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Contract Closeout and Change Order with Advanced Excavation Specialists,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**Discussion – Potential Violation of Code of Conduct by Elected Official:** Councilmember Hill requested that the complaint against him be discussed in a public forum. One citizen spoke from the audience. At Councilmember Hill's request, Councilmember Harvey read out loud the official complaint he submitted to Mayor Karnofski. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Admonish Councilmember Hill for demonstrating a lack of sincere respect to the Council.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmember Hill was

allowed to speak to this subject a third time by a unanimous vote on a motion made by Councilmember Harvey and seconded by Councilmember Page. Discussion continued. Mayor Karnofski restated the original motion to discipline Councilmember Hill at the first step. Councilmembers Wood, Alexander, Harvey, and Page voted yes. Councilmembers Hill, Lefebvre, and Karnofski voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

**Resolution No. 23-1277 Amending Master Fee Schedule:** Library Manager Erik Moser briefed the Council on the proposed amendments. The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Pass Resolution No. 23-1277, ' A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SCHEDULE "H" OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Commented that there will be a Goals and Planning Workshop on January 17<sup>th</sup>, prior to the regular meeting. 2) Commented that 2023 should be a busy year for projects. 3) Commented that the Council Standing Boards and Committees' assignments will be brought to the next regular meeting.

**Public Works Manager Devin Mackin:** Reported on the actions of the Public Works Department in response to the recent inclement weather events.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** 1) Reported on a meeting with the local agencies about forming one interlocal agreement for the shared RMS/CAD system, data entry system, and jail modules. 2) Provided a staffing update. 3) Announced that three longtime 911 dispatchers will be retiring this month.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** No report.

**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**LaDonna Page:** No report.

**Brian Wood:** Reported on the recent Three Rivers Regional Waste Water Board of Directors meeting he attended.

**Jim Hill:** 1) Spoke about the Public Works Department's fast response in taking care of the graffiti at the spray park. 2) Spoke about heating issues at the Kelso Senior Center.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Mike Karnofski:** Reported on the recent Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he attended.

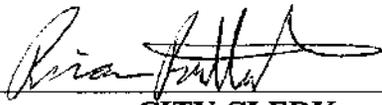
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:43 PM, Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to receive and evaluate complaints against a public officer or employee. The session was estimated to last 15 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 6:58 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.

  
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**MAYOR**

  
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**CITY CLERK**