

Deputy Mayor Lefebvre called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffery McAllister, Mike Karnofski, David Futcher, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, and Kim Lefebvre. Mayor Nancy Malone was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the corrected Minutes of the 10/20/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/3/20 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Deputy Mayor Lefebvre read the following public comment into the record.

Jim Hill, from Kelso, recognized Councilmember Futcher's service to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,388,416.58

Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,388,416.58,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Professional Services Agreement – Legal Services: Upon motion by Councilmember Futcher, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the agreement with the Law Office of Janean Z. Parker,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Collective Bargaining Agreement 2021-2022 – Kelso Police Association (KPA) Records Specialists: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Futcher, 'Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the KPA representing the Records Specialists.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Proposed 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Discussion: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield opened the discussion providing the Council the opportunity to ask questions. Discussion followed.

WALK-ON ITEM:

Formal Resignation Councilmember David Futcher: Deputy Mayor Lefebvre read the notification of resignation from Councilmember Futcher, effective December 31, 2020, into the record. Councilmember Harvey made the motion, 'Move to accept Councilmember Futcher's resignation.' The motion was seconded by Councilmember Karnofski amending it as, 'Move to accept Councilmember Futcher's resignation and direct staff to begin the process to fill the position.' Councilmembers McAllister, Karnofski, Alexander, Harvey, and Futcher voted yes. Deputy Mayor Lefebvre voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

MOTION ITEMS:

Resolution – Declaring Substantial Need Setting the Limit Factor for the 2021 Property Tax Levy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR PURPOSES OF SETTING THE LIMIT FACTOR FOR THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN THE 2021 REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL NEED,' Councilmember Karnofski motioned to approve the resolution. The motion died due to lack of a second. Discussion followed.

The following items were removed from the agenda:

- **Resolution** – Authorizing an increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy in addition to any amount resulting from New Construction etc.
- **Ordinance (2nd Reading)** – Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levy Amount with increase.
- **Ordinance (2nd Reading)** – Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levy Amount no increase.

By consensus of the Council, a special meeting to bring forward an updated 2021 Property Tax Levy Amount Ordinance and Resolution, was set for November 24, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Briefed the Council on the process for filling the upcoming vacant Council Position No. 4. 2) Provided a COVID-19 update. 3) Commented that a legislative agenda would be presented by Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs at the December 1st, regular council meeting. 4) Reported on various meetings he recently attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Reported that a preconstruction meeting for the West Main Realignment Project would be this week.

Library Manager Natalee Corbett: 1) Reported that staff is working on making appointments available to the public for new library cards. 2) Announced that the library was awarded a grant for two virtual reality headsets.

Captain Richard Fletcher: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Provided an update on the K-9 Program. 3) Commented that the police department has been able to maintain a healthy staff and workforce through the pandemic. 4) At the request of Councilmember Harvey, Captain Fletcher spoke about the pandemic's impact on the training provided at the police academy and about the use of a new shooting range in Longview that just began construction.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Commented about the 'Shop with a Cop' event. 2) Reported that the ARRR Pirates would be holding a toy and food drive-through/drop-off event for the Salvation Army and the VFW pantry on Dec 12th, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

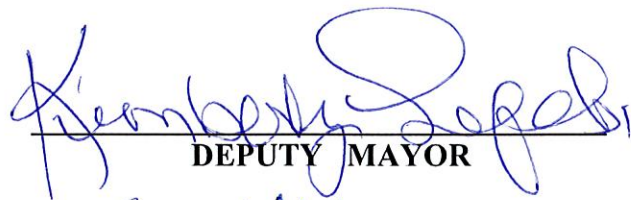
Mike Karnofski: 1) Thanked Deputy Mayor Lefebvre for her efforts on the Veteran's Day Parade. 2) Provided an update on the CARES ACT monies for local business assistance. 3) Reported that the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments was starting a community investment network and the first meeting would be in January.

David Futcher: Thank you to Jim Hill for his very kind letter.


Keenan Harvey: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Spoke about the Veteran's Day Parade becoming a regular event.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.



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