

Pastor Jay Peach, from 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, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander.

Introduction of new employee: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas introduced Mike Murray as the new City of Kelso Building Services/Planning Manager.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 1/4/22 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the revised minutes of the December 21, 2021 Regular Meeting,' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the revised minutes of the September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Nine people from the audience provided public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts: \$2,598,990.80

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,598,990.80.' Councilmembers Harvey, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Contract Award – North Pacific, 4th, Oak, 5th Improvements, Advanced Excavating Specialists: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the contract award to Advanced Excavating Specialists.' The amount of the contract was \$2,251,877.06. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Moratorium on Halfway Houses for Registered Sex Offenders: City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the soon to expire moratorium. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Direct Staff to bring back the moratorium extending it another six months.’ Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Code of Conduct and Council Rules of Procedure: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Adopt the Code of Conduct as presented.’ Motion passed, all voting yes. Mayor Karnofski directed staff to provide the Council Rules of Procedure to the committee to review, update, and determine a final copy.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 22-3972 Surplus of Property relating to the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3972, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 23562 AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE, WITH RESERVED EASEMENTS FOR THE CITY.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a COVID-19 statistics update. 2) Acknowledged the Public Works and Police Department for their response to the recent snow and flooding events. 3) Provided an update on the AFSCME negotiations. 4) Reported that there were approximately 4000 cars that attended the Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park event. 5) Spoke about scheduling a council retreat. 6) Spoke about the Salvation Army Angel Tree donation from the city.

Upon consensus of the Council, staff was directed to move forward with scheduling the council retreat.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Commented that staff was busy with filling public disclosure requests and year-end processing. 2) At the request of Councilmember Harvey, Mr. Butterfield briefed the Council on the current water/sewer rates.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Reported on projects beginning in the Spring.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended.

Brian Wood: No report.

Jim Hill: Spoke about the council meeting scheduled September 7, 2021.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Commented about a letter, signed by 15 cities, to the legislature requesting a new transportation package. 2) Reported on the recent Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Oversight Board meeting he attended. 3) Announced that the next Kelso Business and Community Association meeting is Jan. 27th, at 9:00 AM.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK