

Pastor Kevin Kennedy, 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.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/15/2022 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATION:**

Fire Chief Scott Neves presented a chief's coin to Officer Swartout in recognition of his life saving actions to an infant on January 27, 2022.

**PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Karnofski read a proclamation declaring March 2022 as "Red Cross Month" in the City of Kelso.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

There were four citizens that spoke from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Appointments:** Planning Commission – Richard McCaine and Tim Watson
2. **Contract Award:** Southwest Washington Airport Fuel Tank Replacement Project, Mascott Equipment Company for \$531,187.00.
3. **Contract Award:** Davis Terrace Water Improvements, North Fork Excavating, Inc. for \$103,224.69.
4. **Contract Award:** City Hall HVAC Upgrade, Apex Mechanical, LLC of Battle Ground for \$415,366.68.

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Consent Agenda.' Councilmember Harvey disclosed that there was no financial benefit and no contractual conflict in regards to him voting on the Apex Mechanical, LLC, contract award item. Motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** None.

**MOTION ITEMS:** None.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Provided a COVID-19 statistic update. 2) Reported on a discussion with IT support in regards to councilmembers corresponding by texts and City provided laptops and/or cell phones. 3) Commented that the second session of the council retreat is March 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. 4) Reported on a Department of Emergency Management meeting he recently attended. 5) Reported on the 911 Authority Board Meeting he attended. 6) Spoke about the upcoming revised mask requirements. 7) Announced that the Kelso High School Girls' Basketball team will be heading to state competitions.

**City of Attorney Janean Parker:** Commented that the proposed amendments to the Council Rules and Procedures will be brought forward to Council after all councilmembers have the chance to review it.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** 1) Reported on the North Pacific Ave project. 2) At the request of Councilmember Harvey, he spoke about traffic control at the intersection of South Pacific and Ash Street.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** 1) Provided an update on the Body Worn Camera Program. 2) Provided an update on the Legislative session in regards to law enforcement. 3) Provided a staffing update. 4) Announced that the Kelso High School Wrestling Coach Ethan Freund, Jr., was named the 3A Wrestling Coach of the Year.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** No report.

**Brian Wood:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** Reported on a call he received about the cost to participate in youth baseball.

**Keenan Harvey:** Reported on the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting he recently attended.

**LaDonna Page:** Reported on the Airport Board Meeting she recently attended.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Reported on the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he recently attended. He distributed information regarding mobility training. 2) Reported on the Kelso Business and Community Association meeting he attended. He commented that there will be a West Kelso cleanup event around the end of April.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:42 PM, Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss an employee performance. The session was estimated to last 5 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was not present.

At 6:49 PM, the council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

  
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