

Pastor Jay Peach, from the Faith Center, gave the invocation. Deputy Mayor Kim Lefevre led the flag salute. Deputy Mayor Lefevre called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, LaDonna Page, Kim Lefebvre, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander. Mike Karnofski was absent.

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

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the 6/7/22 Regular Meeting'. Councilmember Wood, Harvey, Lefebvre, Alexander, and Page voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Six Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for 2022 – 2027: Deputy Mayor Lefevre opened the public hearing at 6:08 PM. Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas provided an informative overview of the proposed CIP. There was 1 citizen that spoke from the audience. Discussion followed. There being no further comments from the audience, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre closed the public hearing at 6:29 PM.

Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for 2022 – 2027: Deputy Mayor Lefevre opened the public hearing at 6:29 PM. Mr. Kardas provided an overview of the proposed TIP. There were 2 citizens that spoke from the audience. Discussion followed. There being no further comments from the audience, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre closed the public hearing at 6:52 PM.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

There were 3 citizens that spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,216,615.13

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,216,615.13,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Discussion – North Kelso Infrastructure: Councilmember Alexander spoke about the condition of Ross Street and Lewis Street. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Direct Staff to bring back an estimate to make Ross Street and Lewis Street safe.’ Councilmembers Harvey, Lefebvre, Alexander, and Page voted yes. Councilmembers Wood and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 2.

With the consensus of the Council, staff was directed to report on certain city roads in a workshop scheduled during the third week of July.

Discussion – Grant Writer Position: Councilmember Hill proposed that the Council direct staff to acquire a contract with a grant writer consultant. Councilmember Harvey spoke about designating a grant writer position in the City. Discussion followed.

Ordinance No. 22-3975 – Amending the Salary Schedule for Non-represented Employee Positions: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3975, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CITY NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ADOPTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET BY ORDINANCE 20-3951 AND AS AMENDED BY ORIDNANCE 21-3960.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 22-1262 – Adopting the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Page, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1262, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATED TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ESTABLISHING THE CITY’S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF 2022 - 2027.’ Discussion followed. Councilmember Wood, Harvey, Lefebvre, Alexander, and Page voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Resolution No. 22-1263 – Adopting the 2022-2027 Transportation Improvement Program: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Page, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1263, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.’ Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported that the spray park was busy today. 2) Spoke about various meetings he attended. 3) Reported on the Washington Cities Insurance Authority audit of the police department and annual review. 4) Announced that Public

Works Superintendent Randy Johnson will be retiring by the end of the month. He acknowledged his 27 years with the City. 5) Reminder that the Association Washington Cities Annual Conference was this week.

STAFF REPORT:

Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson: Reported on the current activities of the department. Councilmembers Alexander and Councilmember Harvey thanked Mr. Johnson for his years of service with the City.

Police Chief Darr Kirk: 1) Wished Mr. Johnson well in his retirement. 2) Announced that former longtime Public Works Department Assistant Becky Hill had recently passed away.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Commented that the state audit is nearing completion and that exit conference invitations will be going out to the Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: Asked the Council to look at the original dedication documents relating to the Catlin Hall property.

LaDonna Page: 1) Thank you to Mr. Johnson for his years of service. 2) Acknowledged that the Public Works Department did a great job on the Lads & Lassies Park.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Thank you to the Public Works Department for their work on the Lads & Lassies Park.

Kecnan Harvey: No report.

Brian Wood: 1) Reported on the Airport Authority Board meeting he recently attended. 2) Thank you to the Public Works Department for all their work on maintaining the city parks.

Kim Lefebvre: Congratulations to Mr. Johnson.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefevre adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.



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