

Pastor Larry Jones, 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 Kecnan 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 Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/18/22 Regular Meeting and the 10/18/22 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

WSDOT Aviation Loan for a Fuel System Replacement Project: Airport Manager Chris Paolini provided an overview of potential funding sources toward a Fuel System Replacement Project at the airport. He briefed the Council on the WSDOT Community Aviation Revitalization Board (CARB) loan program requirements. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

One citizen spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- City Manager Employment Contract

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Creating an Alternative Work Schedule for the K9 Handler: Chief Darr Kirk briefed the Council on the MOU. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the MOU as presented,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for 2023-2025 – Kelso Police Association Representing Police Records Specialists: City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the 2023-2025 CBA as presented,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Setting the 2023 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Pass on 1st reading, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,662,282 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2023 BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Councilmembers Hill, Karnofski, Lefebvre, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, and Page voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

Resolution No. 22-1274 Supporting a WSDOT Aviation Loan Application for a Fuel System Replacement Project: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Page, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass Resolution No. 22-1274, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO ESTABLISHING SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT TO PURSUE A WSDOT AVIATION LOAN TO FUND A FUEL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about the Public Works Department. 2) Commented on what meetings he recently attended. 3) Spoke about the Halloween event held at Tam O'Shanter Park.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Briefed the Council on the upcoming public hearings relating to the 2023-2024 Budget of the City. 2) Announced that today is Business & Occupations Tax Clerk/Payroll Clerk/Accounts Payable & Receivable Clerk/Cashier Lisa Wetle's 17th year anniversary with the City of Kelso.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: At the request of Councilmember Wood, he provided an update on the Hazel Street Overpass Project.

Public Works Department Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Recognized new Public Works employees Shawn Pence, Kevin Foster, and Shane Oliva. 2) Reported on the recent activities of the Parks Department. 3) Commented about preparing for the upcoming Tree Lighting Festival event. 4) At the request of Councilmember Page, he spoke about preparing for an excessive rain event in the forecast.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Commented on what meetings and events he recently attended. 2) He reported on the Kelso Housing Authority meeting he recently attended. 3) Spoke about the Halloween event. At the request of Councilmember Lefebvre, he provided a progress update on the new 911Center. 4) At the request of Councilmember Wood, he reported on the after-action reviews relating to the recent incident at the high

School.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: 1) Spoke about his comments to the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners regarding rental fairness in manufactured home facilities. 2) Spoke about revitalizing the Arts for Kids Program for Cowlitz County.

LaDonna Page: Thanked the Kelso Police Department for their work on the incident at the high school.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Commented on what meetings he recently attended. 2) Commented that on November 4th, at 11:45 AM, the Chamber of Commerce is holding their quarterly meeting that will feature Divert, Inc.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Halloween event. 2) Spoke about the upcoming Veterans Day Parade.

Brian Wood: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Thanked the Kelso Police Department in regards to the disruption at the County Elections Department and the Public Works Department for all the work they do. 2) Commented about the ribbon cutting event he attended for North Pacific Paper Corporation's new recycling system. 3) Thank you to all who participated in the Halloween event. 4) Reported on the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he recently attended. 5) Commented that there will be a special council meeting on November 15, 2022, at 4:30 PM, to discuss increasing revenue for street maintenance.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 6:55 PM, Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into a closed session to discuss labor negotiations. The session was estimated to last 20 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was not present.

At 7:17 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK