

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.

**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 Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**2023-2024 Preliminary Budget:** Mayor Karnofski opened the public hearing at 6:01 PM. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the proposed biennial budget. Discussion followed.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Karnofski closed the public hearing at 6:06 PM.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

There were four citizens that spoke from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Professional Services Agreement:** Law Office of Jancan Z. Parker
2. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,862,060.49

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,862,060.49,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:**

**Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for 2022-2024 AFSCME Local 1557 Public Works:** Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the CBA with the AFSCME Local 1557 Public Works Union,' motion passed, all voting yes.

**Contract Award – Donation Pump Station:** Community Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Approve the contract with Catworks Construction of Vancouver for \$2,975,701.67.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Professional Services Agreement (PSA) Amendment – Donation Pump Station Rehabilitation Project:** Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the amendment. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve the amendment to the PSA with Wallis Engineering in the amount of \$354,972.45.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Consultant Services Contract – Allen Street Corridor Transportation Study:** Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Page, ‘Direct the city manager to execute a contract with Transpo Group USA, Inc., for \$449,933.25.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**American Rescue Plan Act Funds (Continued from the special meeting held prior to this meeting):** City Manager Andrew Hamilton reiterated to the Council the proposed park projects discussed in earlier workshops. He requested that Council approve to have \$2,385,000, of ARPA funds included in the upcoming budget. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded, by Councilmember Page, ‘Include the ARPA funds to the upcoming budget,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

The projects that the monies would go toward are as follows:

- Spray Park Upgrade
- Disc Golf Upgrade
- Lads and Lassies Park Upgrade
- Senior Center Facility Rehabilitation
- Basketball Court Upgrade
- Boxing Club Upgrade
- Youth Baseball and Softball Fields Upgrade
- Construction of Pickle Ball Court
- Purchase of Property and Construction for Kayak Boat launch
- Train Depot Roof Rehabilitation

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Granting a renewal of a Telecommunications Services Franchise Agreement:** City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance. The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RENEWING THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE TO SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P., FOR THE

CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Fixing the Rates for Furnishing Garbage Services:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Butterfield briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.’ Councilmembers Hill, Karnofski, Lefebvre, Page, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and Harvey voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

**Ordinance No. 22-3983 Setting the 2023 Property Tax Levy Amount:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3983, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,678,061 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. 22-1275 Authorizing an Increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1275, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY. Councilmembers Hill, Karnofski, Lefebvre, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, and Page voted no.’ Motion passed, 4 to 3.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Reported on the Veteran’s Day Parade. 2) Commented that he has begun negotiations with the Teamsters Local 58 Union. 3) Commented that he has been working on an Environmental Protection Agency grant application. 4) Reported on a Southwest Washington Outreach meeting he recently attended. 5) Announced that the Tree Lighting Festival will be held here at city hall on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Public Works Operations Manager Skylar Masters:** Reported on the current activities of the department.

**Police Sergeant Kevin Tate:** Commented that the Shop With A Cop event is on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Jim Hill:** No report.

**LaDonna Page:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

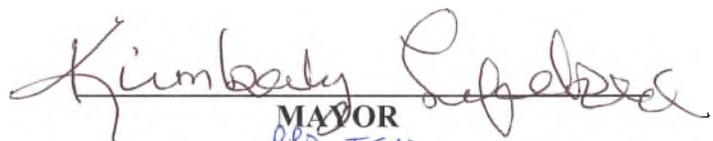
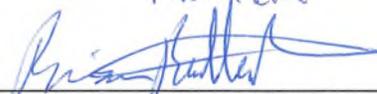
**Keenan Harvey:** Reported on the Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce meetings and luncheons he attended.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** 1) Reported on the Veterans Day Parade. 2) Reported on the Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended.

**Brian Wood:** 1) Reported on the Huntington Middle School Dedication event he attended. 2) Commented on the Highlander Festival Committee meeting he attended.

**Mike Karnofski:** Reported on the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he recently attended.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

  
MAYOR  
PRO-TEM  
  
CITY CLERK