

Pastor Marvin Kasemeier, from New Song Worship Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Jeffrey McAllister, Mike Karnofski, Richard McCaine, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, and Nancy Malone. Councilmember Kimberly Lefebvre was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 6/01/21 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Mike White: from Kelso, spoke about the noise from vehicles in his neighborhood. He distributed a copy of a chapter in the Kelso Municipal Code relating to unnecessary noises.

Councilmember Alexander spoke about public comments provided via email from citizens running for a position on the Kelso City Council.

Jim Hill: from Kelso, submitted a comment regarding the distribution of the forthcoming American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2021 Annual HOME Program Grant Allocation Proposals: Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:08 PM. Adam Trimble, from the Longview-Kelso HOME Consortium, presented a project proposal request from the Community House on Broadway and from the Kelso Housing Authority, along with the staff recommendation. Discussion followed. Citizens that spoke from the audience were Mike White, and Carolyn Kochis,

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:22 PM.

5-year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan Update – Draft Needs Assessment and Market Analysis: Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:22 PM. Mr. Trimble provided an overview of the background research and the anticipated resources for 2020-2024. He commented that HUD requires the 5-year plan to be eligible for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership grants. Discussion followed. Mike White and Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Executive Director Bill Fashing spoke from the audience.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:39 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,604,402.62

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,604,402.62,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

2021 HOME Grant Allocation: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Split the \$64,100 fifty-fifty between the Community House on Broadway and the Kelso Housing Authority'. Councilmembers McAllister and Alexander voted yes, Councilmembers Karnofski, McCain, Harvey, and Malone, voted no. Motion failed 2 to 4. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Allocate the \$64,100 to the Kelso Housing Authority for Tenant Based Rental Assistance'. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Appoint Lower Columbia Community Action program as the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Motion passed, all voting yes.

5-year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan Update: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Set a Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities Workshop on July 20, 2021, at 5:00 PM.' Councilmembers Karnofski, McCain, Harvey, Alexander, and Malone voted yes. Councilmember McAllister abstained. Motion passed.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending KMC Chapter 13.09 relating to the Stormwater Management Manual: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 13.09 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MANUAL,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 21-3960 – Budget Revision No.1 for the 2021 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by

Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember McCain, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3960, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO AUTHORIZED EMPLOYEE POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2021-2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution – Vaccine Segregation: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McCaine, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass the Resolution 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON DECLARING THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY WHERE BUSINESSES ARE EMPOWERED WITH CHOICE AND CITIZENS ARE TREATED EQUALLY.' Councilmember Alexander briefed the Council on the proposed resolution. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmembers McAllister, Karnofski, and McCaine voted no. Mayor Malone abstained. Motion failed.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a state COVID-19 statistics update. 2) Commented that staff recommendations for the forthcoming ARPA monies would be brought to the Council for their consideration. 3) Commented that a City of Kelso proclamation recognizing the 101st Birthday of Airforce Lieutenant Harry Durham was recently declared. 4) Commented that Human Resources/Administrative Programs Manager Patty Murray was responsible for the flowers in the pots located in front of city hall. 5) Commented about the state mandate regarding public long-term care insurance. 6) Spoke of meetings he recently attended. 7) Commented that staff was working on this year's city sponsored community events. 8) At the request of Mayor Malone, City Manager Hamilton provided an update on the Hazel Street Overpass project and spoke of property in Kelso attainable for development. Discussion followed.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Commented that the K9 Unit would be coming to meet the Council in an upcoming meeting. 2) Commented that the new police officers would be sworn in at future council meetings. 3) Provided a staffing update. 4) Acknowledged the brush clearing work performed by the public works crew. 5) At the request of Councilmember Harvey, Chief Kirk spoke about the Ride-along program.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mike Karnofski: Reported that CWOG, Cowlitz Economic Development Council, and Lower Columbia College were offering business related classes to the public.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on the River Cities Transit Board meeting regarding a pilot program for a new Lexington route.

Richard McCaine: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: Commented that the Lexington pilot program had been approved and that River Cities Transit needed drivers.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:24 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK