

Pastor Kevin Kennedy, from Faith 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, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, Nancy Malone, Richard McCaine, Kim Lefebvre, and Mike Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 8/17/21 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/7/21 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/16/21 Special Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Malone read a proclamation declaring the month of September as 'Childhood Cancer Awareness' Month, and September 17th – 23rd, 2021, as 'Constitution' Week in the City of Kelso.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

John Wilson, from Kelso, spoke about the condition of Haussler Road.

Michael Fowler, from Kelso, spoke about the condition of Haussler Road and West Vista Hill.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (2021-2026): Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:17 PM. Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the updates to the six-year plan.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:18 PM.

A motion made by Councilmember McCaine, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, to move agenda items 7.1, 7.3, and 7.4 from Council Business to the Consent Agenda was approved by all.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Interlocal Agreement** – Matching Funds for a Safe Routes to School Project – Kelso School District
2. **Vehicle Purchase** – Kelso Police Department
3. **Interlocal Agreement** – SWAT Armored Vehicles – Cowlitz County
4. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,023,550.53

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the

consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,023,550.53,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Records FTE Increase/Body Camera Discussion: Chief of Police Darr Kirk commented on the anticipated increase in records requests resulting from the use of the body cameras. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Authorize the Finance Director to include with upcoming budget revisions.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Police Officer Lateral Bonus Increase Discussion: Chief Darr Kirk brought forward, for Council's consideration, a proposal to increase the lateral bonus from \$5k to \$10k.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 21-3964 Renewing NoaNet Franchise Agreement: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass on 2nd reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RENEWING THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE TO THE NORTHWEST OPEN ACCESS NETWORK ("NOANET") TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 21-3965 Amending KMC Chapter 3 – Bad Debts: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass on 2nd reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 3.34, COLLECTION COSTS RECOVERABLE TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADDRESS THE COLLECTION AND WRITE OFF OF DEBT.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 21-1249 Amending the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2021-2026: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Pass Resolution No. 21-1249, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 21-1250 Vacating a Portion of Undeveloped Right of Way: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Pass Resolution No. 21-1250, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON INITIATING THE PROCESS TO VACATE THAT PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED RIGHT OF WAY OF N 10th AVENUE, ABUTTING EAST OF 1210 N 7th AVENUE (Government Lot 4 (SE1/4 NW1/4) and Government Lot 5 (NE1/4

NW1/4) Section 26, TWN. 8 N., RNG 2 W., W.M). Motion passed, all voting yes.

WALK-ON ITEM:

Councilmember Harvey brought forward a discussion proposing a city policy relating to the enforcement of the Washington mask mandate. A workshop was suggested for further discussion.

MOTION ITEMS CONTINUED:

Resolution No. 21-1251 Expressing Support for Citizens' Individual Rights: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass Resolution No.21-1251, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF OUR HEALTHCARE WORKERS, FIRST RESPONDERS, TEACHERS AND CITIZENS' INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS.' Public comments were taken from the audience. Discussion followed. Councilmembers McAllister, Lefebvre, McCaine, Harvey, Alexander, and Malone voted yes. Councilmember Karnofski voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a COVID-19 statistics update. 2) Spoke about recent changes to the library schedule. 3) Spoke about the Highlander Festival.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Reported on the number of delinquent utility accounts. He commented that several steps had been taken to notify customers of the upcoming moratorium termination date.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

Richard McCaine: Commented on the Raising Hope 5K Walk & Run event he recently attended.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the River Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended. 2) Commented on the Highlander Festival. 3) Spoke about the Halloween event which will be held at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Nancy Malone: 1) Commented on a thank you letter she received about the Highlander Festival. 2) Spoke about scheduling the workshop to discuss the enforcement of the mask mandate for Thursday, September 30, 2021, at Tam O'Shanter Park.

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



MAYOR



CITY CLERK