

Pastor Jay Peach, 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 Page, 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting,' motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Mayor Karnofski read a comment submitted by a citizen via city website. One citizen spoke from the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Revenue Sources for Upcoming Year: Mayor Karnofski opened the public hearing at 6:09 PM. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of revenue sources for the upcoming year. Discussion followed.

There being no comment from the public, Mayor Karnofski closed the public hearing at 6:20 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Contract Closeout:** Ranney Well Cleaning Project, Layne Christensen Company
2. **Contract Closeout:** Redpath Street and Ross Street Emergency Sewer Repair, Tapani, Inc.
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,076,428.15

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,076,428.15,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

2023 Lodging Tax Funds Request: Mr. Butterfield briefed the Council on the recommendation from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for the distribution of funds. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Page,

‘Approve the 2023 Lodging Tax Allocation of Funds as presented,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

The Lodging Tax Funds were distributed as follows:

- Kelso Highlander Festival - \$20,000
- Kelso Longview Chamber, Visitor Information Center, 2023 Visitor Guide - \$72,729
- Kelso Longview Chamber – S’Quatch Fest - \$5,000
- City of Kelso – Tam O’Shanter Park \$100,000

Discussion – Kelso Municipal Code (KMC) 17.22.180 Downtown Design Review

Overlay: Councilmember Alexander commented that the zoning code as it is related to the color palette and architecture codes needs to be updated or removed from the KMC. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Authorize the City Manager to direct Staff to remove Chapter 17.22.180 Downtown Design Review Overlay from the KMC.’ Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Harvey, Alexander, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Agreement Amendment – Paxton Road Transmission Main Replacement Project:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the proposed amendment. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve the amendment to the agreement for an additional \$122,500 with Gibbs & Olson, Inc.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Reclassification of the Permit Specialist Position to

Planning Assistant: Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the proposed reclassification. The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘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.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Wood and Karnofski voted yes, Councilmembers Hill, Page, Lefebvre, Harvey, and Alexander voted no. Motion failed, 5 to 2.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Commented on various meetings he had recently attended. 2) Commented that he had been working on negotiations with the Public Works and the Kelso Police Records unions. 3) Reported on the SeaPerch Underwater Robotics event he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Provided an update on the Tam O'Shanter Park Improvement Project.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staff update. 2) Spoke about the upcoming Career Day event at the expo center. 2) Councilmember Hill spoke about a recent County Commissioners meeting he attended where the Kelso police handled a disruptive situation.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on the cleanup event he attended. 2) Commented on various meetings he recently attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended. 2) Commented that the upcoming 3rd Annual Halloween event at Tam O'Shanter Park is from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. 3) Reported on the SeaPerch Underwater Robotics event she attended

Brian Wood: Reported on the Airport Operating Board meeting he recently attended.

Jim Hill: 1) Reported on the Board of County Commissioners meeting he attended. He spoke about a Creative District Program for the youth.

LaDonna Page: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Commented about the Lower Columbia CAP Board meeting and the Transit Authority Board meeting she recently attended.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Mayors Luncheon he recently attended. 2) Commented about the Kelso Rotary meeting he recently attended.

At 7:00 PM, the Council took a short recess and reconvened into regular session at 7:06 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:06 PM, Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss an employee evaluation. The session was estimated to last 20 minutes and action may be taken following the session. The city attorney was present.

At 7:26 PM, It was announced that the executive session would be extended another 10 minutes.

At 7:36 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Add City Manager Hamilton back to the salary matrix at the next step increase,' motion passed, all voting yes.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:38 PM.



MAYOR



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