

At 6:00 PM, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre stated “Good evening and welcome to the Kelso City Council’s Tuesday night meeting. We’re going to go ahead and start the meeting” . Pastor Jay Peach, from Faith Center, gave the invocation. Deputy Mayor Lefebvre led the flag salute. ~~Deputy Mayor Lefebvre called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order.~~ Councilmembers in attendance were, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, Jim Hill, Mike Karnofski, Jeffery McAllister, and Kim Lefebvre. Mayor Nancy Malone was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve the Minutes of the 12/7/21 Regular Meeting and the 12/7/21 Special Meeting.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Professional Services Agreement Addendum No. 2 – Prosecution Services, Amanda Keller
2. Water Treatment Chemical Purchase Bid Award 2022
3. Agreement – Animal Control Services for 2022, Humane Society of Cowlitz County
4. Auditing of Accounts - \$1,658,024.23

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, ‘Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,658,024.23.’ Councilmembers Harvey, Karnofski, Lefebvre, Hill, and McAllister voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Kelso Housing Authority Board (KHA) Appointment Discussion: Continued from the December 7, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilmember Karnofski commented that this discussion should include Kelso Housing Authority Board Members. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Table this item until the City Council and the KHA can meet to discuss Kelso representation on the Board.’ Councilmembers Harvey, Karnofski, Lefebvre, McAllister, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Lease and Operating Agreement: City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the agreement. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by

Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the Lease/Operating Agreement with the Visitor Center,' motion passed, all voting yes.

WALK-ON ITEM:

River Cities Transit Lease Agreement Extension: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield briefed the Council on the lease agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Extension to the Lease Agreement with River Cities Transit,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MOTION ITEM:

Ordinance No. 21-3971 – Amending Ordinance 19-3937 Fixing the Private Fire System Connection Charge for 2020-2024: The Deputy Mayor read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3971, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 19-3937 FIXING THE PRIVATE FIRE SYSTEM CONNECTION FEES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY,' motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a COVID-19 statistics update. 2) Reported on the negotiations with the public works' union AFSCME. 3) Reported on the employee's potluck and staff donations to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. 4) Spoke about the 'Rotary Lights in the Park' event. 5) Thanked Councilmember McAllister for his service to the City.

STAFF REPORTS:

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Reported on the 'Shop with a Cop' event. 3) Provided an update on the Body Camera Program. 4) Commented that the new Records Specialist position had been filled. 5) Spoke about preparing for the upcoming legislative session. 6) Thanked Councilmember McAllister for his service. 7) At the request of Councilmember Hill, Chief Kirk provided an update on the Body Camera Policy.

Utility Operations Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Provided an update on the maintenance of the city hall HVAC system. 2) Spoke about being prepared for snow and ice due to the forecast of inclement weather.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Thanked Councilmember McAllister. 2) Reported on the Cowlitz Transit Authority Board meeting she and Councilmember McAllister had recently attended. 3) Spoke about the ‘Rotary Lights in the Park’ event.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Jim Hill: Spoke about the ‘Rotary Lights in the Park’ event.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting he recently attended. 2) Spoke about President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the allocation of the State of Washington’s allotment. 3) Reported on a recent meeting with Senator Cantwell. 4) Thanked Councilmember McAllister for his work.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

City Manager Hamilton announced that, as of tonight, Mayor Nancy Malone had reached 6 unexcused absences for this year’s regular scheduled council meetings. Pursuant to City of Kelso Charter Article II, §2.06, Mayor Nancy Malone has forfeited her position on the Council. He announced that Council Position No. 7 is now vacant. This item will be brought forward to Council at the next regular meeting. Discussion followed.

Kim Lefebvre: Thanked Councilmember McAllister for his service to the City.

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Lefebvre adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.


DEPUTY MAYOR


CITY CLERK

*Revised and approved
Jan. 18, 2022 TH*