

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.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 2/25/22 Special Meeting'. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/01/22 Regular Meeting'. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Acknowledgment of Service:** Chief of Police Darr Kirk recognized Sergeant Kirk Wiper for his years of service to the community. He announced that Sergeant Wiper would be retiring at the end of the month.

**Police Department Annual Report:** Chief Kirk provided an overview highlighting the activities and statistics of the department for the year 2021.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

There were two citizens that spoke from the audience.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,352,553.28

Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,352,553.28,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board:** City Manager Andrew Hamilton announced that Councilmember Wood was approved to be a representative for Cowlitz County cities on the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board.

**Discussion – Council Rules and Procedures:** City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the proposed changes to the Council Rules and Procedures. The Council was given a redlined hardcopy to review. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Postpone this item until the next regular meeting to allow more

time for the Council to review the proposed changes.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading): Adopting New Sections relating to Body Worn Camera Pay and Uniform Allowance in the Employee Handbook:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, ‘Pass on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ADOPTING NEW SECTIONS 3.2, BODY WORN CAMERAS- POLICE CHIEF AND CAPTAIN AND 3.3, UNIFORM ALLOWANCE, TO THE KELSO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PAY AND BENEFITS RELATING TO THE CITY’S BODY WORN CAMERA PROGRAM AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 22-1257 – Declaring Certain Property Surplus – Public Works Vehicle 2000 Ford F650 :** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1257, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Reported that the governor’s mask mandate expired on March 11<sup>th</sup>. 2) Provided a staffing update and reported that there were no employees out due to COVID-19. 3) Reported on his research regarding City provided cell phones for Councilmembers. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Council that cell phones were not to be provided. 4) Reported on a Risk Management webinar he recently attended. 5) Spoke about the longevity of certain city employees. 6) Spoke about Former Kelso Boxing Club Trainer/Manager Larry Nave and his service to the community. 7) Reminder that part two of the council retreat is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**STAFF REPORT:**

**Public Works Superintendent Randy Johnson:** Reported on the current activities of the department.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** 1) Provided an update on the concerns regarding the Kelso Comprehensive Treatment Center. 2) Provided a staffing update. 3) Reported on the 2022 Legislative Session results relating to law enforcement. 4) Provided an update on the Body Worn Camera Program.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**LaDonna Page:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** Reported that City Manager Hamilton and Mayor Karnofski secured a sizeable grant for the Rister Stadium.

**Brian Wood:** Reported on the Southwest Washington Regional Airport Special Meeting he attended.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** Reported on the Transit Board Meeting she attended.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Reported on the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he attended. 2) Commented that the next Kelso Business and Community Association meeting is March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM.

  
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