

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 Alexander, 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 7/05/22 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue 2022 Organization Action Plan: City Manager Andrew Hamilton commented that Fire Chief Scott Neves may have been detained and that the presentation was provided in the agenda packet.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Karnofski read a proclamation declaring August 2022, as "Family Reunification Month" in the City of Kelso. Heidi Spencer from the Parents Representation Program accepted the proclamation.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Four citizens spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Memorandum of Understanding:** Amending the 2020 – 2022 Collective Bargaining Agreement – Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers Local #58
2. **Memorandum of Understanding:** Amending the current Collective Bargaining Agreement – Kelso Police Association on behalf of the Kelso Records Specialists
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$2,572,205.41

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,572,205.41.' Councilmembers Page, Alexander, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Kayak Launch Site Discussion: City Manager Hamilton commented that this item had been addressed in past council goal workshops. It was requested by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Mayor Karnofski to be brought forward tonight for consideration. Lengthy discussion followed in regards to funding sources. No action was taken.

Security Cameras at City Parks and Facilities Discussion: City Manager Hamilton commented that this item was requested by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Mayor Karnofski. Lengthy discussion followed. One citizen spoke from the audience. The consensus of the Council was to have this item included in the upcoming budget.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amending Salary Schedule for Non-Represented Employee Position – Public Works Manager: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘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 AND AS AMENDED BY ORIDNANCE 21-3960 AND BY ORDINANCE 22-3975.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 22-3976 – Amending KMC 9.04 of the Kelso Municipal Code (KMC) relating to the Possession of Weapons in Certain Locations: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 22-3976, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 9.04 KMC TO AMEND SECTION 9.04.010 TO ADD RCW 9.41.305 TO THE LIST OF STATUTES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE INTO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE AND CORRECTING A CLERICAL ERROR.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Page, Lefebvre, Karnofski, and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

Ordinance No. 22-3977 – Amending KMC 2.88.010 relating to the Hours of Operation for City Business Offices: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Councilmember Hill motioned to table this item, but it died due to lack of a second. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Adopt the Ordinance, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING KMC 2.88.010 TO PROVIDE AMENDED HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CITY BUSINESS OFFICES.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Page, Alexander, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

Proposed Resolution – Adopting the Cowlitz County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan: Councilmember Wood commented that the plan was not provided in the agenda packet. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Table this

item until the second Regular Council Meeting in August.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 22-1266 – Adopting the 2022-2027 Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1266, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE 2022 - 2027 COWLITZ COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND MODERATE RISK HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 22-1267 – Amending the Employee Policy Handbook: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Page, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1267, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-1255 AND ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY HANDBOOK APPLYING TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AS INDICATED THEREIN.’ Councilmembers Page, Alexander, Lefebvre, Karnofski, Wood, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Resolution No. 22-1268 – Vacating a Portion of Right of Way along the Frontage of Parcel #20721 on Minor Road: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass Resolution No. 22-1268, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON INITIATING THE PROCESS TO VACATE THAT PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED RIGHT OF WAY OF MINOR ROAD ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF PARCEL # 20721.’ City Attorney Janean Parker clarified that the purpose of this resolution is to set the date for the public hearing. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke of meetings he recently attended. 2) Reminder that the August 2, 2022 Regular Council Meeting will be held at Tam O’ Shanter Park during the National Night Out event.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Commented that staff has started working on the budget.

At the request of Councilmember Harvey, City Manager Hamilton provided an update on the search for a federal lobbyist.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Acknowledged

the new Nuisance/Abatement Officer John Johnston and the new Senior Engineer Technician Sam Owen. 2) At the request of Councilmember Wood, he provided an update on the cleanup of the contaminated soil discovered on a project. 3) At the request of Mayor Karnofski, he provided an update on the Hazel Street Overpass Project.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Briefed the Council on the current activities of the department.

Police Chief Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Spoke about a letter of appreciation from a citizen.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on the Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce meeting he attended. 2) Reported on the City of Longview Council meeting and the Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners meeting he attended.

Jim Hill: Commented that the opening ceremony for Kelso Babe Ruth Baseball is July 24th, at 4:00 PM. He commented that this year's ceremony will be a salute to veterans.

Brian Wood: Spoke about keeping the youth active in the community.

LaDonna Page: Commented that she is continuing to work with Councilmember Hill on bringing international youth baseball to Kelso.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Transit Authority Board meetings she attended. She spoke about a new policy that was passed regarding rider requirements. 2) Reported on the huge success of the first 'Annual Lonnie Knowles Christmas in July Toy Drive' event.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on the Transit Authority Board meeting he attended in Councilmember Lefebvre's absence. He requested that the Kelso representatives on the Board should vote against the new policy that requires riders under the age of 15 have a guardian in attendance. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK