

Pastor Kevin Kennedy, from Reign Church, 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 Kecnan Harvey, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander. Councilmember LaDonna Page was absent.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Move Agenda Item No. 6.1, Kelso Public Library Lease Agreement, from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately,' Councilmembers Alexander, Wood, Lefebvre, Karnofski, and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 1.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the 3/21/23 Regular Meeting and the 3/21/23 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Kelso Police Department 2022 Annual Report: Chief of Police Darr Kirk provided the annual report.

New Library Employee Introduction and Summer Programs: Library Director Erik Moser introduced Michelle Burton as the new Youth Services Librarian. Ms. Burton provided an overview of the reading programs and events for this summer.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Appointment** – Highlander Festival Commission, Lisa Alexander

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Contract Award – Huntington Middle School Safety 2021 Safe Routes to School Project: Community Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Contract for \$462,183.20 with Western United Civil Group of Yacolt, WA.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Contract Award – Old Pacific Highway Overlay Project: Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Contract for \$325,605.00 with Advanced Excavating Services,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Beacon Hill Water/Sewer District (BHWSD) Mutual Aid Agreement: Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Agreement with the BHWSD,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Kelso Library Lease Agreement (Removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed separately): City Manager Andrew Hamilton briefed the Council on the facility lease agreement. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Lease Agreement with Three Rivers Villages, LLC,' motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Renewing LightSpeed Networks Franchise Agreement: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Pass on 1st reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RENEWING THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE TO LIGHTSPEED NETWORKS, INC., DBA LS NETWORKS, DBA LSN, AN OREGON CORPORATION AND, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY OF KELSO WASHINGTON.' City Attorney Janean Parker briefed the Council on the proposed renewal. Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Commented on the meetings he recently attended. 2) Commented that he met with union representatives from Public Works. 3) Provided an update on the hiring for the open positions in the Finance Department. 4) Announced that there would be a special meeting on April 18th, at 5:00 p.m., to discuss housing and lodging improvements. 5) Spoke about a SWAT call-out earlier this month.

At the request by Councilmember Hill, Mr. Kardas reported on the hiring of an architect in regards to the refurbishment of Catlin Hall.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk: Provided a staffing update. Commented that the Finance Department is temporarily closed from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. due to the lack of staff coverage for breaks.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Provided an update on some project contracts that were recently awarded.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Reported on the current activities of all the divisions in the Public Works Department.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: Announced that Todd White, from the dispatch center, was retiring after 30 years of service.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on a meeting with the Health Department regarding requirements for the operation of food truck businesses.

Brian Wood: No report.

Kim Lefebvre No report.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Provided an update on replacing the equipment at the Lads & Lassies Park. 2) Commented that Mr. Mackin took him on a tour of the sewer and water systems. 3) Spoke about a recent Multi-Family Housing & Lodging Improvements Task Force meeting.

Jim Hill: No report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on the Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments meeting he recently attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:04 p.m., Mayor Karnofski announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee. The session was estimated to last 10 minutes and no action would be taken. The city attorney was present.

At 7:14 p.m., the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK