

Pastor Jay Peach, from the 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 Keenan Harvey, LaDonna Page, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, and Lisa Alexander. Councilmember Brian Wood was absent.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the agenda as written.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded, by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Minutes of the 5/16/23 Regular Meeting and the 5/16/23 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Two citizens spoke from the audience.

PRESENTATION:

Unified Development Code Update: Brad Kelby, Land Use Planner with Harper Houf Peterson Righellis provided an update on the review they are performing on the City of Kelso's Unified Development Code.

COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:

Discussion - Number of Dogs and or Cats allowed in one Residence: After discussion, the consensus of the council was to form a committee to review local policies and bring back their findings for consideration. Assigned to the committee were Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey and Lefebvre.

Discussion Item-Grant Writer Services: (Previously Tabled from May 2, 2023 meeting.) After discussion, the consensus of the council was to instruct the City Manager to research alternatives to hiring a grant writer for various projects and report back to Council.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Spoke about the meetings he recently attended. 2) Announced a new projector system will be purchased and installed in the Council Chambers. 3) Announced the City received an award letter from EPA for an assessment grant of \$500,000. 4) Reported Brian Butterfield received the Certificate of Achievement Award in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Commented, the State Auditors are here and will be conducting their audit for the next 6 weeks.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Provided an update on active projects.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Reported on the current tasks being performed by the public works department.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Announced the new 911 dispatch center will be opening next month. 2) Reported he attended Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs annual conference in Spokane.

Library Director Erik Moser: Provided an overview of the current and upcoming programs at the library.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Absent.

LaDonna Page: No report.


Jim Hill: No Report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on various meetings that he attended.

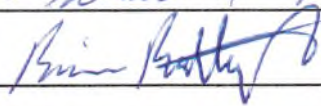
Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on the various events she attended with Special Olympics.

Kim Lefebvre: No Report.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Reported on various meetings that he attended. 2) Suggested a special meeting for July 18, 2023 at 4:30 to review the first 6-month priority projects.



MAYOR



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