

Pastor Larry Jones, from the Faith Center, gave the invocation. Mayor Nancy Malone led the flag salute. Mayor Malone called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were, Keenan Harvey, Lisa Alexander, Jeffery McAllister, Nancy Malone, Richard McCaine, Mike Karnofski, and Kim Lefebvre.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the 11/2/21 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

John Wilson, from Kelso, spoke about Haussler Road.

Jim Hill, from Kelso, spoke about the Halloween event at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Rick Von Rock, from Kelso, spoke about the streetlights on the Cowlitz Way Bridge.

Kirsten Markstrom, from Kelso, spoke about the mask requirement.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Interlocal Agreement:** Spillman Records Management, Cowlitz County Sherriff's Office
2. **Employee Contract Amendment:** City Manager Andrew Hamilton
3. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$3,603,987.86

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$3,603,987.86,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Agreement Amendment – Donation Pump Station Project, Wallis Engineering, PLLC: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the amendment. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Approve the amendment to the contract with Wallis Engineering, PLLC, in the amount of \$303,196.24.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Interlocal Agreement – Relocation of PUD Facilities relating to the South Kelso Railroad Crossing Project, Cowlitz County PUD: Mr. Kardas briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McAllister, 'Move to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County PUD.' Discussion followed. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Discussion – Kelso Housing Authority Application: City Manager Hamilton, following up on a request from certain councilmembers, commented that the Kelso Housing Authority Board does not currently have a member that resides in the City of Kelso. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Table this item until the next regular council meeting’. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Discussion – Council Rules and Procedures: City Manager Hamilton, by the request of certain councilmembers, brought this item forward to the Council for discussion. City Attorney Janean Parker spoke about Kelso Municipal Code 2.02 Code of Ethics. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember McCaine, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Table this item until the next council meeting’. Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, McCaine, Harvey, and Malone voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

Public Comment – Budget Revision No. 1 for the 2022 Fiscal Year: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield commented that the public discussion item for the 2nd Reading of the Property Tax Ordinance posted on the agenda was an error. He commented that the public comment item was intended for the 2022 Budget Revision No. 1 due to a change being made to the ordinance from the first reading. He briefed the council on the change. There was no comment from the public.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 21-3968 – Setting the 2022 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3968, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,608,789 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2022 BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ After discussion, Councilmember Lefebvre amended her previous motion, seconded by Councilmember McCaine, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3968 with a Zero Dollars and Zero Percent Property Tax Increase.’ Councilmembers Harvey, Karnofski, Lefebvre, Malone, McCaine, and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember McAllister voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

Ordinance No. 21-3969 – Budget Revision No. 1 Mid-Biennial Review for the 2022 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McAllister, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3969, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO PUBLIC EXPENDITURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RCW 35A.34.150, FIXING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUIRED TO MEET SUCH EMERGENCIES AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE 2021-2022 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 21-3970 – Shoreline Master Program Amendments: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3970 ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 17.30 AND AMENDING THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SMP) TO UPDATE PROVISIONS OF THE KELSO SMP, SMP APPENDIX C, SMP APPENDIX E AND ASSOCIATED SMP PERIODIC REVIEW CHECKLIST, AS DETERMINED BY PERIODIC UPDATE.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 21-1253 – Authorizing an Increase in the Regular Property Tax Levy: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘Pass Resolution No. 21-1253, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING A ZERO PERCENT INCREASE IN THE REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNT RESULTING FROM NEW CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY AND ANY INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF STATE ASSESSED UTILITY PROPERTY.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey, Karnofski, Lefebvre, Malone, and McCaine voted yes. Councilmembers McAllister and Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Provided a COVID-19 statistic update. 2) Reported on the staff and operating hours at the Kelso Library. 3) Spoke about the Veteran’s Day Holiday events held in Kelso. 4) Reported on the negotiations with the AFSCME union representing the public works staff. 5) Commented that he attended the Cowlitz Economic Development Council executive meeting. 6) Commented that tonight was the end of Councilmember McCaine’s term on the Council and thanked him for his service.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney Janean Parker: At the request of Councilmember Harvey, provided an update on the progress of a proposed sex offender ordinance.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Reported on the Transit Authority Board. 2) Spoke about the Veteran’s Day Holiday events she attended. 3) Commented that a Christmas toy drive would be held on Saturday, December 11th, at Tam O’Shanter Park.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Richard McCaine: Commented that he was grateful for the opportunity to work with the devoted staff and Council that serve the City of Kelso.

Kim Lefebvre: Commented to keep money local and by turkey bucks.

Mike Karnofski: 1) Spoke about the next Kelso Business and Community Association zoom meeting scheduled this Thursday, at 9:00 AM. 2) Thanked Mr. McCaine for his service on the Council.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Thanked Mr. McCain for his service to the city. Thanked Lisa Alexander for her service. 2) Requested to schedule a workshop to discuss funding for a new community center prior to the next council meeting. The consensus of the Council was to schedule the workshop on Dec. 7th, at 5:30 PM.

Nancy Malone: 1) Thanked her fellow councilmembers for their service to the community. 2) Commented that Mr. McCaine would be dearly missed.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.



MAYOR



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