

Pastor Jay Peach, 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, Nancy Malone, Richard McCaine, Mike Karnofski, Jeffery McAllister, and Kim Lefebvre.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 9/21/2021 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Kirsten Markstrom, from Kelso, spoke about the state mask mandate. She distributed an article to the Council.

William Youngren, from Kelso, spoke about the state mask mandate.

Kimber Joyce, from Kelso, spoke about the state mask mandate.

Jason Still, from Kelso, spoke about the Governor's Proclamation 20-05 and the City's proclamation regarding the enforcement of the state mask mandate later in the agenda.

Jim Hill, from Kelso, spoke about the cost of the Kelso Mask Moratorium to the City and the role of the Council.

Mary Roane, from Castle Rock, spoke about the state mask mandate.

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Malone read a proclamation declaring October as "**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**" in the City of Kelso.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mask Mandate Enforcement Proclamation: Mayor Malone read a document proclaiming the City of Kelso's opposition to the State of Washington Mask Mandate. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Pass the Proclamation with the correction of a type-o'. Discussion followed. Councilmembers Malone, Alexander, Harvey, McAllister, and McCaine voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski and Lefebvre voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

2022 Lodging Tax Request: City Manager Hamilton briefed the Council on the request. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre,

‘Approve the 2022 Lodging Tax Request’. Motion passed, all voting yes. The request was as follows:

- Kelso Highlander Festival - \$20,000
- Kelso Longview Chamber, Visitor Information Center, 2022 Visitor Guide - \$71,090
- Kelso Longview Chamber – S’Quatch Fest - \$5,000
- City of Kelso – Tam O’Shanter Park - \$100,000

Washington State Arts Commission Creative Arts District: Councilmembers Lefebvre and Karnofski provided an overview of a proposed Arts District. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Council was to bring back a plan, for consideration, to move forward with an Arts District. Information regarding the process for creating an Arts District was distributed.

Budget Revision No. 2 for the 2021 Fiscal Year – Public Comment: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield briefed the Council on the budget revisions. There was no comment from the public.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Budget Revision No. 2 for the 2021 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘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.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on the City Manager’s Conference he has been attending.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney Janean Parker: Commented that in regards to upcoming public hearings, she asked the Council to confirm the location of the next meeting. Discussion followed. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at Tam O’Shanter Park.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Commented that he would be bringing Memorandum of Understandings for the Lateral Incentive bonus increase and the Body Worn Camera Program pay increase. 3) Commented that he would be

attending the Medal of Honor Ceremony for Retired Kalama Police Officers Jeff Skeie and Sgt. Steve Parker, and fallen Cowlitz County Sherriff's Deputy Justin DeRosier. 4) Spoke about former Reserve Officer Troy Lavey's service to the community and to the Kelso Police Department.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Appropriate \$20,000 as the Lateral Incentive Bonus Amount.' Discussion followed. Motion passed all voting yes.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Keenan Harvey: Spoke about having a council workshop to discuss a theme that would provide direction to staff for the next 10 years. Discussion followed.

Mike Karnofski: Reported that the Kelso Business and Community Association will have a special meeting on Oct. 14, 2021. The discussion will be addressing the transient population.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on the CAP Board meeting she recently attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Spoke about the upcoming Halloween event at Tam O'Shanter Park.

Richard McCaine: No report.

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Nancy Malone: 1) Spoke about her visit to the Veteran Senior Housing Complex at the former Terry's Salvage Yard location. 2) Commented that arrangements will be discussed with the staff regarding the requested workshop.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 7:09 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK