

Pastor Larry Jones, from the Faith Center, gave the invocation. City Manager Andrew Hamilton led the flag salute. City Manager Hamilton called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, LaDonna Page, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander. Councilmembers Kimberly Lefebvre and Mike Karnofski were absent. Due to the absence of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, a vote was taken to determine the presiding official.

City Manager Hamilton opened the floor for nominations for the presiding official. Councilmember Alexander nominated Keenan Harvey. Councilmember Hill nominated Brian Wood. There being no other nominations, City Manager Hamilton closed the floor for nominations. Councilmembers Alexander and Harvey voted for Keenan Harvey. Councilmembers Hill, Wood, and Page voted for Brian Wood. Brian Wood was elected to preside the meeting.

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, '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 2/7/23 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

Presiding Official Councilmember Wood read a proclamation declaring March 2023, as "Red Cross Month" in the City of Kelso. A Red Cross representative accepted the proclamation.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

One citizen spoke from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts: \$1,727,819.09

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,727,819.09,' motion carried, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion – Promote Development of Multi-family Housing and the Rehabilitation or Development of New Lodging: Councilmember Harvey commented that he brought these two topics to the Council with the intent that the Council considers moving forward with discussions. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Form a taskforce consisting of three Councilmembers to investigate and return to the Council, at the second meeting in April, their findings regarding the promotion and development of multi-family housing and programs to enhance or rehabilitate lodging in the City of Kelso; Assigning Councilmembers Harvey and Page to the taskforce and having Mayor Karnofski assign the third councilmember.’ Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, Page, and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 1.

ACTION ITEMS:

Professional Services Agreement – Architectural and Engineering Services: City Manager Hamilton briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve and Authorize the City Manager to enter into agreement with Robertson Engineering,’ motion passed, all voting yes.

Interlocal Agreement – Southwest Washington Regional Airport Fuel System Replacement Project: Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the Council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Page, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Authorize the City Manager to enter into the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Longview, Cowlitz County, and the City of Longview.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 23-3993 – Authorizing and Approving a Loan Agreement with the Washington State CARB Board: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 23-3993, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY AVIATION REVITALIZATION BOARD AND THE CITY OF KELSO FOR AID IN FINANCING THE COSTS OF FUEL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Southwest Washington Regional Airport 2023 Budget Revision No. 1: Airport Manager Paolini briefed the Council on the budget revision. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Page, ‘Approve the revised 2023 Airport Budget.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Professional Services Agreement Amendment – Engineering, Construction Management and Inspection Services: Airport Manager Paolini briefed the Council on the amended agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by

Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the amended agreement to increase the dollar amount up to \$2,000,000 with Century West Engineering. Motion passed, all voting yes.

Professional Services Agreement Task Order No. 4 – Apron/Taxi Lane Final

Design: Airport Manager Paolini briefed the Council on the task order. Upon motion by Councilmember Page, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Task Order as presented with Century West Engineering. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Mentioned the meetings he recently attended. 2) Commented that there was a blood drive held at city hall yesterday. 3) At the request by Councilmember Harvey, he spoke about the Kelso Rotary Club's support to revamp the Lads and Lassies Park

STAFF REPORTS:

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: 1) Spoke about preparing for the potential cold weather event. 2) Reported on the electrical junction box fire on North Pacific Ave.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided an update on the shooting incident involving Police Officer Foley. 2) Commented that the Special Olympics' fund raiser event, The Polar Plunge, is scheduled this week.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jim Hill: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Commented that the Parks Board meeting was moved to this Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Keenan Harvey: 1) Reported on the Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Board meeting he recently attended. 2) Reported on a Highland's Neighborhood Association meeting he attended in Longview.

LaDonna Page: Reported on the 'Up, Up & Away' fund raiser event she recently attended.

Brian Wood: 1) Commented that the Cowlitz Economic Development Council's annual meeting is next Tuesday.

There being no further business, Councilmember Hill made a motion that was seconded by Councilmember Harvey to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



MAYOR



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