

Mayor Karnofski called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Kevin Kennedy, from the Reign Church gave the invocation. Mayor Mike Karnofski led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, Jim Hill, Lisa Alexander, Brian Wood, Mike Karnofski and Veryl Anderson. Councilmember Kim Lefebvre was absent.

AGENDA APPROVAL Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Anderson, 'Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the discussion item 6.1-Lads and Lassies.' Discussion followed. Councilmember Harvey, Anderson and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Karnofski, Hill and Alexander voted no. Motion fails. Upon Motion by Councilmember Hill. "Move the discussion item 6.2 to action item 7.5, to determine whether to allocate ARPA funds to the Tam O' Shanter batting cages.' Councilmember Hill and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Alexander, Karnofski, Wood and Anderson, voted no. Motion failed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, Seconded by Councilmember Alexander 'Approve the agenda without any amendments, as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: 2 Citizens from the audience spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Interlocal Agreement with PUD – Street Light Upgrades
- Auditing of Accounts - **\$2,397,856.13**

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill 'Approve the consent agenda as written.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item: Lads & lassies Park: Council discussed the status of the project and concerns moving forward.

Discussion Item: Use of ARPA funds to build a batting cage at Tam O' Shanter:
After some discussion, the consensus of the Council was to direct City Manager Hamilton to obtain the costs and additional information before deciding to move forward. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill. 'Direct City Manager Hamilton to draft a resolution that shows solidarity among the council in support of the need for batting cages.' Councilmember Harvey and Hill voted yes. Councilmember Alexander, Anderson, Wood and Karnofski voted no. Motion fails.

Addendum 5 to the Interlocal Agreement with Southwest Washington Regional

Airport: Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the council on the agreement. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Hill. 'Approve the Addendum 5 to the Interlocal Agreement with Southwest Washington Regional Airport relating to airport management, administration and maintenance services.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Contract Award: Project 572111 – Airport Fuel Site Construction Contract Award:

Airport Manager Chris Paolini briefed the council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey seconded by Councilmember Alexander. 'Approve the airport fuel site construction contract award and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Tapani in the amount of \$469,773.02.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) City of Kelso amending Chapter 5.03: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING CHAPTER 5.03 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BRING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX PROVISIONS INTO CONFORMANCE WITH STATEWIDE MODEL ORDINANCE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 35.102 RCW.** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, "Pass on the 1st reading,' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Amendments to Section 6.04 of the Animal Control Municipal Code: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 ANIMAL CONTROL TO REFLECT UPDATED IN HOUSE ANIMAL CONTROL PROCEDURES AND UPDATED ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACTS AND ENFORCMENT PROVISIONS.** Planning Manager Mike Murray briefed the council on the ordinance. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, "Pass on the 1st reading,' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 23-4001 Budget Revision #1 Mid-Biennial Review for the 2024 Fiscal Year. The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. **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 2023-2024 BIENNIAL BUDGET OF THE CITY.** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey seconded by Councilmember Anderson, 'Approve the ordinance on the second reading.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 23-1286 Emergency Cowlitz Way Storm Drain and Waterline

Repair: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING A FAILED STORM DRAIN AND ADJACENT WATER MAIN ON COWLITZ WAY BETWEEN GRANT ST AND 5TH AVENUE TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the resolution for emergency storm drain and water line repair.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings and events he attended.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: No report.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an update of current projects being performed by the Public Works Department.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Reported on the Shop with a Cop event held on December 16th. 2) Provided a staffing update.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Reported on recent meetings he attended

Veryl Anderson: Mentioned she attended a workshop for new Council Members.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on recent meetings she attended

Kim Lefebvre: Absent.

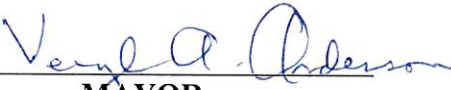
Mike Karnofski: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:


At 7:30 p.m., City Attorney Janean Parker announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.31.1101G. The session was estimated to last 75 minutes and no action would be taken.

At 8:55 p.m., the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 8:55PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK