

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, Jeffrey McAllister, and Kim Lefebvre. Councilmember Mike Karnofski was absent.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the 10/5/21 Regular Meeting and the 10/11/21 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

K9 Unit Introduction: Chief of Police Darr Kirk introduced Officer Sarah Brent and the tracking/capture and narcotics dog Blue. Officer Brent and Blue provided a narcotics search demonstration.

CITIZENS BUSINESS:

Joe Abram, from Kelso, spoke about low tree branches on Corduroy Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Vacating a Portion of Undeveloped Right of Way: Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Planner Keshia Owens briefed the Council on the vacation. Developer Larry Wood spoke from the audience regarding his plans for the property. Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:17 PM. Council discussion followed. There being no comment from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:23 PM.

Revenue Sources for Upcoming Year: Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield provided an overview of the City's 2022 revenues and expenditures. Staff recommendation was to approve the 1% increase to property taxes. Mayor Malone opened the public hearing at 6:30 PM. Citizens that spoke from the audience were: Kirsten Markstrom, Chris Bornstedt, Jim Hill, and Jeremiah Harrington. There being no further comment from the public, Mayor Malone closed the public hearing at 6:41 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts: \$2,356,390.02

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the consent agenda in the amount of \$2,356,390.02

Mayor Malone removed the following Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

- Body Worn Camera Pay Increase – KPD
- Lateral Incentive Bonus Increase – KPD
- New Records Fulltime Position – KPD

Police Chief Kirk briefed the Council on the MOUs. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember McCaine, ‘Approve the three MOUs as presented’ motion carried, all voting yes.

Councilmember Alexander spoke about the color scheme code for downtown businesses. Discussion followed. Staff was directed to look into updating the downtown color scheme code.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Vacating a Portion of Right of Way: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Pass on 1st reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO VACATING A PORTION OF UNDEVELOPED RIGHT OF WAY AT N 10th AVENUE ABUTTING EAST OF 1210 N 7TH AVENUE, PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 (SE ¼ NW ¼) AND GOVERNMENT LOT 5 (NE ¼ NW ¼) SECTION 26, TWN 8 N, RNG 2W, WM.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 21-3966 – Budget Revision No.2 for the 2021 Fiscal Year: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Adopt Ordinance No. 21-3966, ‘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.

Resolution No. 21-1252 – Declaring Surplus of Property 2004 John Deere Mower: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander ‘Pass Resolution No. 21-1252, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported on a special hearing with the County Commissioners regarding certain unincorporated properties relating to the Hazel Street Project.

2) Reported on the agreement regarding the 'Kelso Rotary Lights in the Park' event. 3) Commented that the workshop regarding council goals was scheduled for Oct. 26th. 4) Commented that the next regular council meeting on November 2, 2021, would be in the Kelso City Hall Council Chambers and would provide for public interaction via Zoom. 5) Commented that the City has begun negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union representing employees from the Public Works Department.

STAFF REPORT:

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: Provided a staffing update.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Jeffrey McAllister: No report.

Richard McCaine: No reported.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Lisa Knight Alexander: 1) Provided an update on the Transit Board and the Parks Board. 2) Commented that the Veteran's Day Parade is November 7th. 3) Commented that booths are still available for the Halloween event at Tam O' Shanter Park.

Kim Lefebvre No report.

Nancy Malone: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.



MAYOR



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