

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Evangelist Kevin Kennedy, from the Reign Church gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, Brian Wood, Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson and Kim Lefebvre. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. Consent to Councilmember Alexander attending the meeting via zoom for medical reasons. Motion passed, all voting yes. Councilmember Jim Hill was absent.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre ‘Approve the Agenda as presented.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MINUTES:**

- Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve the Minutes of the **February 6, 2024** Regular Meeting.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.
- Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Approve the **Revised** Minutes of the **January 23, 2024** Special Meeting.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:** One citizen from the audience spoke.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Auditing of accounts **\$2,223,979.98**
- Block Fund Grant- Talley Way Corridor Planning and Design.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. ‘Approve the consent agenda as written.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**582202 Systemic Pedestrian Safety Improvements-Wallis Engineering:**

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, “Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Wallis Engineering in the amount of \$191,001.22.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Discussion Item – Workshops:** After discussion, the consensus of council was to table this item due to Councilmember Hill’s absence. Upon motion by councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. ‘Table the topic until the March 5, 2024 meeting.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Discussion Item - Comprehensive Park Plan:** It was the consensus of council to have staff update the Comprehensive Park Plan and Park Facilities Maintenance Plan in order to be eligible for grants.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Informed council that Airport Manager Chris Paolini will be resigning at the end of March 2024. 2) Kelso Rotary Park was awarded \$73,000 for structure rehabilitation. 3) Reported on various meetings he attended.

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** Informed council The Washington State Auditor's office notified him that after being on the waitlist five years, The City of Kelso has been selected to participate in a cyber security audit at no cost to the city.

**City Attorney Janean Parker:** No Report.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** Provided an update on current projects.

**Public Works Manager Devin Mackin:** Announced Nathan Vorse was selected to fill the vacant position at the Parks Department and Mike Blum passed his Water Treatment Plant, level 2 exam.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** Provided a staffing update.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Brian Wood:** Reported on various meetings he attended.

**Veryl Anderson:** No report.

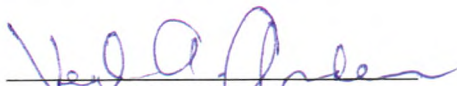
**Jim Hill:** Absent.

**Keenan Harvey:** Reported on recent meetings he attended.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Mike Karnofski:** Reported on recent meetings he attended.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK