

Pastor Kevin Kennedy, from the Reign church gave the invocation. Mayor Mike Karnofski led the flag salute. Mayor Karnofski called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmembers in attendance were, Keenan Harvey, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, Lisa Alexander, LaDonna Page and Kim Lefebvre.

**Agenda Approval:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Add an action item 6.3 regarding Lads and Lassies Park.' Councilmembers Harvey, Hill, Lefebvre and Page voted yes. Councilmember Karnofski, Alexander and Wood voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.  
Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Add action item 6.4, auditing of account to the agenda.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the June 30, 2023 Special Meeting and the July 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:**

6 citizens from the audience spoke.

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2023 HOME Funding Allocation:**

Mayor Karnofski opened the Public Hearing at 6:29 p.m. Program Coordination Specialist Kenny Robinson, from the City of Longview gave a presentation. One citizen spoke from the audience. There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Karnofski closed the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m. Subsequent to the public hearing, a motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Page 'Move to Approve the allocation of the money as recommended \$54,611.20 2022 funds to Blue Thistle and \$74,631.00 to fund The Catlin and Main Street Project.' Councilmembers Harvey, Wood, Lefebvre and Page voted yes, Councilmember Alexander and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 23-3995 Addition of a Part Time City Prosecutor:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CITY NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ADOPTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET BY ORDINANCE KELSO CITY COUNCIL 22-3989.**

Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Move to approve the Ordinance on the second reading for addition of a City Prosecutor,' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Alexander, Wood and Page voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey and Hill voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

**Ordinance No. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Amending the KMC 9.04:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 9.04 KMC TO AMEND SECTION 9.04.010 TO ADD RCW 69.41.030 AND RCW 69.50.4011 TO THE LIST OF STATUTES ADOPTED BY REFERENCE INTO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE.** Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the ordinance change, adopting RCW 69.50.4011 and 69.50.4011 into the Kelso Municipal Code,' seconded by Councilmember Hill, Approve the ordinance on the first reading amending Kelso Municipal Code 9.04.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**ADD ON ITEM:**

**Lads and Lassies Park:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page. 'Move forward with renovation of the Lads and Lassies Park conclusive playground option #7 in the amount \$368,752.85 with \$100,000 being reimbursed by Kelso Rotary, \$268,752.85 of ARPA funds from the City of Kelso.' Councilmembers Harvey, Hill, Lefebvre and Page voted yes, Councilmember Alexander, Wood and Karnofski voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.

**Auditing of Accounts:**

- **Auditing of Accounts: \$2,168,470.85**

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Page, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,168,470.85.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Spoke of meetings he recently attended. 2) Reminder that the August 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting will be held at Tam O' Shanter Park during the National Night Out event.

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** Commented, the State Auditors are wrapping up their audit.

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

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

**Public Works Operations Manager Skylar Masters:** Reported on the current tasks being performed by the public works department.

**Police Captain Rich Fletcher:** No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Brian Wood:** No report.

**LaDonna Page:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** No report.

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

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** Reported on various meetings she attended.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Karnofski adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK