

Pastor Jay Peach, 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, LaDonna Page, Kim Lefebvre, Mike Karnofski, Jim Hill, Brian Wood, and Lisa Alexander.

**Agenda Approval:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Minutes of the 4/4/2023 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Auditing of Accounts: \$2,626,594.24

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Consent Agenda and the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$2,626,594.24,' motion carried, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS / MOTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 23-3994 – Renewing Lightspeed Networks Franchise Agreement:**

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Adopt the Ordinance, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RENEWING THE GRANT OF A FRANCHISE TO LIGHTSPEED NETWORKS, INC., DBA LS NETWORKS, DBA LSN, AN OREGON CORPORATION AND, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF FIBER OPTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE RIGHTS OF WAY OF THE CITY OF KELSO WASHINGTON.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** 1) Mentioned meetings he recently attended. 2) Provided an update on staffing in the Finance Department. 3) Reported on the council chambers video system upgrade by KLTV. 4) Reported on a meeting with AMTRAK regarding ADA upgrades at the train station.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** Provided an update on staffing in the Finance Department.

**Planning Manager Mike Murray:** 1) Commented that there will be an open house on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, regarding the Allen Street Corridor Study. 2) Spoke about the new online permitting program.

**Public Works Manager Devin Mackin:** 1) Commented that hiring for seasonal work is underway. 2) Reported on the department's current activities. 3) Announced that the Water Quality Report will be available on the website.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** Reported on the River Cities Transit Board meeting she recently attended.

**Brian Wood:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** 1) Commented that he will not be attending the May 16, 2023 council meeting. 2) Spoke highly about volunteer work. 3) Spoke about the Creative Arts District Program.

**LaDonna Page:** No report.

**Keenan Harvey:** 1) Spoke about his participation in the Sherriff's wet lab exercise. 2) Reported on the Chamber of Commerce cleanup event and the Longview Highland's Alley cleanup event he attended. 3) Reported on the Chamber Board meeting he attended.

**Mike Karnofski:** 1) Reported on the Rails to Trails meeting he attended. 2) Commented that a grant for \$46,000 will be submitted to the Port of Longview for funding assistance toward a kayak launch on the Coweeman River. 3) Announced that there was a cleanup event in the City of Kelso this Saturday.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK