

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Pastor Larry, 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, Jim Hill and Kim Lefebvre.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, '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 April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Harvey, Wood, Alexander and Anderson voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

PRESENTATIONS:

2024 HOME Funding Allocations. City of Longview Program Coordinator Specialist Kenny Robinson provided an overview of the HOME Investment Program. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, "Direct the City Manager to schedule a Public Hearing on HOME funding allocations for the May 7, 2024 meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Recast Your City, Cohort Presentation: Director of Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments Bill Fashing provided information on a group that is working on a 10-month program to assist communities and help local businesses grow. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: Five citizens from the audience spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of accounts \$2,676.395.16

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the consent agenda as written.' Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Harvey, Wood, Alexander and Anderson voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item – Wheeled ATV Ordinance: Councilmember Harvey provided information on an Ordinance he would like to pass in the City of Kelso. After discussion and upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Suspend Council rules to allow Councilmember Harvey make additional comments.'

Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Harvey, Wood, Hill and Anderson voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1. Lengthy discussion followed.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Direct the City Manager to review the draft proposal Ordinance brought forward by Councilmember Harvey to pass a wheeled all-terrain vehicle ordinance in the City of Kelso' Councilmembers Hill, Harvey, Lefebvre and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Anderson, Karnofski and Alexander voted no. Motion passed 4 to 3.

Discussion Item – Reallocation of Senior Center ARPA Funds: Councilmember Hill requested additional funds to complete repairs that are needed at the Senior Center. After lengthy discussion and upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Provide an additional \$45,000 for the Senior Center.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Hill, Harvey, Lefebvre, Anderson, Karnofski and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Wood voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1

Discussion Item – Finalizing Goals for 2024: City Manager Andrew Hamilton provided council a list of draft goals for review. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill. 'Finalize council goals for 2024.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County for Building Department Services: Building and Planning Manager Mike Murray briefed the council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County for building department services.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Interlocal Agreement with Cowlitz County for Animal Control Services: Building and Planning Manager Mike Murray briefed the council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, "Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal agreement with Cowlitz County for Animal Control Services.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Water, Sewer and Stormwater Rate Study Consultant Agreement with FCS Group: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with FCS group in the amount of \$122,200.' Councilmembers Hill, Lefebvre, Anderson and Wood voted yet. Councilmember Harvey and Alexander voted no. Motion passed 5 to 2.

Contract Award – W. Vista/Haussler Minor Pavement Repairs: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Granite Construction in the amount of \$97,000.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Amendment to the agreement with HDR regarding the Hazel Street Overpass

Project: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council on the amendment. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Accept as written.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Waive SDC Fees on Affordable Housing Projects (CHIP Funding Ordinance)

The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Pass on 1st reading, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON RELATING TO WAIVERS OF SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS WHEN SUCH CHARGES WILL BE REIMBURSED BY OTHER NON-UTILITY FUNDING SOURCES; AND PROVIDING CLAUSES FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

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

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

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

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Briefed council on the status of a recent projects.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: Informed Council that a new Airport Manager has been selected and will start in early May.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

Veryl Anderson: Mentioned local events she attended.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on various meetings she attended.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on recent meetings and local events she attended.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on recent meetings and local events he attended.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK