

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Christopher Munson, from the Reign Church gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson, Brian Wood, Jim Hill and Kim Lefebvre and Lisa Alexander and Keenan Harvey.

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 March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Community Development 2024 Annual Report: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas and staff members presented the 2024 Community Development Annual Report. The report highlighted the accomplishments and challenges of the building and planning division, including the implementation of electronic plan review and the completion of several projects. The engineering division also presented their projects, including the Hazel Street Railroad Grade Separation Project and the West Vista Rehab Project.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts **\$2,029,046.09**
- Contract Closeout - 552304 – Catlin Hall Exterior Repairs
- Contract Closeout - 592409 – Edinburgh Ct. Roadway Repairs
- Contract Closeout - 582404 – Redpath Pavement Repairs
- Contract Closeout - 592402 – S. 8th 700 Block water main repair

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Professional Services Agreement- Gibbs and Olson: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the council. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Service Contract with Gibbs and Olson not to exceed \$109,250.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

Mosquito Control District Re- Appointment: City Manager Andy Hamilton briefed the Council. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski. 'Approve Ms. Cotter for the mosquito control board re-appointment.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

Request for Agreements for Reimbursable Work by Cowlitz County: Public Works Director Devin Mackin briefed the Council. Upon motion Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. 'Approve the agreement for reimbursable work with Cowlitz County.' 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: Provided an update on the city's use of ARPA funds.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

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

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided a staffing update.

Chief Rich Fletcher: Announced that the flags at City Hall will be lowered to half-mast on March 27th to honor fallen Officer Francis Konen, who passed away in the line of duty in 1948.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on various meetings she attended

Brian Wood: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Announced the Annual City clean up will take place April 26, 2025.

Veryl Anderson: Reported on various meetings she attended and upcoming local events.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.


MAYOR


Deputy CITY CLERK