

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE KENTWOOD CITY COMMISSION
HELD JANUARY 8, 2024
Commission Chambers**

Mayor Stephen Kepley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Artz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Reverend Jerry DeRuiter, Police Chaplain gave the invocation.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners: Betsy Artz, Maurice Groce, David Moore II, Clarkston Morgan, Jessica Ann Tyson and Mayor Stephen Kepley.

Motion by Groce, seconded by Moore, to excuse Commissioner Coughlin with prior notification.

Motion Carried.

Staff Present: City Attorney Blake Conklin, Executive Assistant Stephanie Fox, Deputy City Administrator Shay Gallagher, Public Works Director Chad Griffin, City Clerk Dan Kasunic, Engineering & Inspections Director Jim Kirkwood, Police Chief Bryan Litwin, Fire Chief Brent Looman, City Treasurer Laurie Sheldon, Fire Department Administrative Assistant Nancy Shane, and Sabo representative Anna Kendall.

Four (4) citizens and members of the news media attended the meeting.

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Tyson, to **approve the agenda**.

Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: (All items under this section are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion with no discussion. If discussion is desired by a Commission member, that member may request removal of an item from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Groce, seconded by Artz, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Receive and file minutes of the Committee of the Whole held on December 19, 2023.
- B. Receive and file minutes of the Joint City Commission-Planning Commission meeting held on December 19, 2023.
- C. Approve application for fireworks display by Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc. for July 4, 2024.
- D. Receive and file Revenue and Expenditure Report for quarter ending September 30, 2023.
- E. Receive and file Cash and Pooled Investments report as of September 30, 2023.
- F. Payables for the City totaling \$2,727,633.28.

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Roll Call Vote: Yeas: All. Nays: None. Absent: Coughlin.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Moore, to **approve the minutes** of the December 19, 2023 City Commission Meeting as distributed.

Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CLOSED SESSION AND AUTHORIZE ACTION NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE APPROVAL.

Commissioner Artz explained concern there is not a full commission present and motioned to table until the next City Commission meeting.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Groce, to table any action until the January 16, 2024 City Commission Meeting.

Motion Carried.
Tyson Dissenting.

RESOLUTIONS:

ADOPT RESOLUTION 1-24 TO APPROVE AND SUBMIT THE QUESTION TO AMEND SECTION 8.1, CHAPTER 8 OF THE CITY OF KENTWOOD CHARTER.

Motion by Artz, seconded by Tyson, to adopt Resolution 1-24 to approve and submit the question to amend Section 8.1 Chapter 8 of the City of Kentwood Charter with an additional 1.95 mills.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: All. Nays: None. Absent: Coughlin.

Resolution Adopted.

COMMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR:

Commissioner Tyson-Invited everyone to the Candied Yam on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to help the Free Little Pantry.

Mayor Kepley-Noted the Kentwood Community Foundation will work with the Free Pantry for any monetary donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Dan Kasunic
City Clerk

Stephen C.N. Kepley
Mayor