

Mayor David Futcher called the Special Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Council Members in attendance were David Futcher, Nancy Malone, Rick Roberson, Todd McDaniel, Jim Hill, Kim Lefebvre, and Larry Alexander.

City Charter Review Committee Members in attendance were Keith Lawrence, Ann Hight, Gary Schimmel, Patricia Van Rollins, and Wallace Hall.

Staff in attendance were City Manager Steve Taylor, City Attorney Janean Parker, Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield, and Deputy Clerk Traci Howard.

DISCUSSION:

Kelso City Charter Proposed Amendments: City Charter Review Committee Chair Keith Lawrence provided an overview of the history of the city charter. He provided, in detail, each recommended amendment. A summary of the recommendations is as follows:

1. Section 2.02 – Remove the districting residency requirements for council eligibility.
2. Section 2.06 – Amend the council attendance requirement – narrowing to six regular meetings during the calendar year instead of six meetings.
3. The removal of several areas that had only minor changes from state law requirements and be governed solely by the state law requirements in those areas.

Individuals that spoke from the audience were as follows:


- Ann Hight
- Gary Schimmel
- Patricia Van Rollins
- William McCausland
- Rick Von Rock

After lengthy discussion, it was determined that the following amendments took priority over the rest:

1. Removal of the Council district awards
2. Amend the Council attendance requirements
3. Removal of Article III – City Manager, due to the redundancy with state law requirements

By consensus of the Council, staff would bring back for consideration, a resolution for each priority amendment and group the rest of the amendments as the staff sees fit.

There being no further business, Mayor Futcher adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.



MAYOR



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