

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Mayor Anderson then led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Veryl Anderson, Brian Wood, Jim Hill and Kim Lefebvre, Lisa Alexander and Keenan Harvey. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. Consent to allow Councilmember Karnofski attending the meeting via zoom for medical reasons. Motion passed, all voting yes.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander. ‘Approve the agenda as presented.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Special and Regular Meetings.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Humane Society:

Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Megan Dennis provided a presentation via Zoom to discuss the proposal of services offered by Humane Society of Southwest Washington. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Highlander Festival Commission Appointment-
- Auditing of Accounts **\$2,517,335.75**

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander. ‘Approve the consent agenda as presented.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Water Treatment Chemical Purchase Award Bids for 2025: Public Works Manager Devin Mackin briefed the Council on the contract. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey seconded by Councilmember Wood, ‘Approve the water treatment chemical purchase bid award for 2025 in the amount of \$92,768.00.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) Adopting Water Sewer Rater for 2025 – 2030: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Upon motion by

Councilmember Wood, seconded by councilmember Hill. ‘Pass on the first reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-3937 FIXING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO RELATING TO THE WATER AND SEWER RATES.’ Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Hill and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander and Harvey voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

Ordinance 24-4017 Adopting the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget of the City of

Kelso: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by councilmember Harvey. ‘Pass on the second reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KELSO FOR THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEARS. Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Harvey, Hill and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion passed, 6 to 1.

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: She was asked to put on record that, “Based on the executive session we had from the last meeting, there is no ongoing investigation by the city and no written submission of a complaint of the council rules in accordance with our rules and considers the matter closed.”

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: No report.

Chief Rich Fletcher: Reported the annual Shop with a Cop event was a success.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Reported that he attended the exit conference with the State Auditor’s Office and the airport received a clean audit.

Veryl Anderson: Mentioned local events and various meetings she attended.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on various meetings and local events he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on the CAP board meeting she attended.

Mike Karnofski: No report.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK