

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmember Brian Wood 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. Councilmember Keenan Harvey was absent.

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

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION: City Manager Andy Hamilton presented the keys of the newly renovated Catlin Hall to the Kelso Senior Center to board members.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Consultant Contract Amendment #4- Water System Plan Update-RH2 Engineering, INC: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the Council. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract amendment with RH2 Engineering in the amount of \$85,000.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

2025 Lodging Tax Request: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the request as presented.' Councilmembers Alexander, Anderson, Wood and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

The requests were as follows.

- City of Kelso – Tam O’Shanter Park \$100,000 (requested \$100,000)
- Kelso Highlander Festival - \$20,000 (requested \$20,000)
- Kelso Longview Chamber, Visitor Information Center – \$100,000 (requested \$100,000)
- Columbia Theatre - \$10,000 (requested \$10,000)
- Lower Columbia College Athletics - 2025 NWAC Baseball Championships \$3,000 (requested \$3,000)
- Lower Columbia College Athletics – 2025 Red Devil Classic Men’s Basketball Tournament \$1,000 (requested \$1,000)
- Lower Columbia College Athletics – 2025 Women’s Holiday Classic \$1,000 (requested \$1,000)

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 12-1298 – Emergency Basin 14 Storm Line: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, ‘approve resolution 24-1298, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO FINDING A COLLAPSED CITY STORM SEWER LINE ADJACENT TO THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN SANTA FE RAILROAD TO BE A SPECIFIC EMERGENCY AND APPROVING CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK WITHOUT FORMAL BIDDING.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) – Amending the Non-Represented Salary Matrix: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Pass on the first reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE AND PAY GRADE STEPS FOR CITY NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES ADOPTED AS PART OF THE BUDGET BY ORDINANCE 22-3989.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) Annexation of Real Property Owned by the City of Kelso and Associated County Right-of-Way Related to the Hazel Street Railroad Grade Separation Project: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Pass on the first reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ANNEXING REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF KELSO AND ASSOCIATED COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND INCORPORATING THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Provided an update on the forthcoming budget.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Updated council on current and upcoming projects.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an update of current work being performed by the Public Works Department.

Administrative Sargent Mark Berglund: Provided council with a staffing update.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: No report.

Veryl Anderson: Commented that The Hilander Festival was a success.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Absent.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on a local event she attended.

Kim Lefebvre: Mentioned she attended the CAP board meeting.

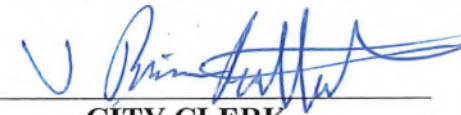
Mike Karnofski: Reported on various meetings he attended.

At 6:53 PM, Mayor Anderson announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation, RCW 42.31.1101I. The session was estimated to last until 6:58 with no action taken. The city attorney was present.

At 6:58 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK