

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Councilmember Brain Wood gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Keenan Harvey, Brian Wood, Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson and Kim Lefebvre. Jim Hill arrived at 6:07 PM.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre ‘Approve the Agenda as presented.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES:

Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Kelso Public Library Annual Report 2023: Library Director Erik Moser provided an overview of services and resources offered by the library along with 2023 statistics and future goals.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: Three citizens from the audience spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Library Advisory Board Appointments:** Amber Dillman, Angela Heinlen and James Newkirk.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Approve the Consent Agenda.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item - Workshops:

After lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was to revisit the topic after the retreat, later this month.

Discussion Item – Batting Cages at Tam ‘O Shanter: After discussion and reviewing potential locations for a batting cage. The consensus of Council was to table this item until a full bid can be provided. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. ‘Direct staff to draft an engineered estimate for the City to build a batting cage at Tam ‘O Shanter Park.’ Councilmembers Hill, Lefebvre and Harvey voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski, Anderson, Wood and Alexander voted no. Motion fails, 3 to 4.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution NO. 24-1288 Declaring certain items as surplus and no longer any further use to the city. The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski seconded by Councilmember Alexander. Motion passed, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Mentioned various meetings he attended.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Planning Manager Mike Murray: No report.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided a staffing update.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Informed Council the Citizens Academy has begun.
2) Met with jail staff and County Treasurer to negotiate bed rates.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: No report.

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

Jim Hill: Reported on various meetings he attended.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

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

Mike Karnofski: Reported on recent meetings he attended.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK