

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Christopher, from the Reign Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. Councilmembers in attendance were Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson, Brian Wood, Jim Hill, Lisa Alexander and Keenan Harvey and Kim Lefebvre.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Amended the agenda with the addition of a presentation on City Water System and approve the agenda as amended.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Swearing in/Oath of Office: Chief of Police Rich Fletcher swore in Police Officers Chad Hall, Gavin Enbody, Julie Doumitt and Victoria Gower to the Kelso Police Department.

City Hall Envelope Repairs - Scoping Report: Dani Ittner, AIA, NCARB, representing Nexus BEC, provided the Council with a detailed presentation regarding essential current and future repairs required at City Hall, including projected costs for the proposed work

2025 – 2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program: Community Development Director Mike Kardas presented the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2026–2031 to the Council. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2025-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program:

Community Development Director Mike Kardas briefed the council.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing at 6:57 PM. There being no comment from the public, Mayor Anderson closed the public hearing at 6:58 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of Accounts **\$2,257,867.00**
- Appointment – Civil Service Commission

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Professional Services Agreement – Indigent Defense Services: City Manager Andy Hamilton briefed the council. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Authorize the City Manager to enter in to the agreement.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Consultant Contract Supplement – RH2 Engineering Supplement: Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the council. Upon motion by councilmember Karnofski, seconded by councilmember Alexander. ‘Authorize the City Manager to execute Supplement No. 3 to the professional services agreement with RH2 Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$184,830.00.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Contract Award – 592505 – Mill Steet Production Wells: Community Development Director Mike Kardas briefed the council. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by councilmember Alexander, ‘Authorize the City Manager to execute a construction contract with Holt Services Inc. in the amount of \$848,066.12.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution No. 25-1308 - 2025-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 25-1309- 2020 Water System Plan: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Alexander ‘A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING THE 2020 CITY OF KELSO WATER SYSTEM PLAN.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Informed Council that the State Auditors are concluding their annual audit.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Informed Council that the Planning Department has initiated the mandatory Comprehensive Plan update to ensure compliance with state requirements.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an estimated opening date for the spray park.

Chief of Police Rich Fletcher: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on various meetings she attended.

Brian Wood: Reported on various meetings he attended.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on various meetings she attended

Jim Hill: No report.

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

Mike Karnofski: Reported on various meetings he attended.

Veryl Anderson: Reported on various meetings she attended.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:29 PM, Mayor Anderson announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation, RCW 42.31.1101(I). The session was estimated to last until 7:34 with no action taken. The City Attorney was present.

- At 7:34 PM, the Council extended the session until 7:39 PM.
- At 7:38 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.