

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Pastor Jay, 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 and Kim Lefebvre and Lisa Alexander and Keenan Harvey.

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 Karnofski, 'Approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Meeting and the March 21, 2025 Special Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION:

- Mayor Anderson read a proclamation declaring April as **"Fair Housing Month"** in the City of Kelso. Mike Wallin accepted the Proclamation.
- Mayor Anderson read a proclamation declaring April as **"Sexual Assault Awareness Month"** in the City of Kelso. Tasha from the Emergency Support Shelter accepted the Proclamation.
- Mayor Anderson read a proclamation declaring the Week of April 6-12, 2025 as **"Crime Victims Awareness Week."** Tasha from the Emergency Support Shelter accepted the Proclamation.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: One citizen from the audience spoke.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item with Possible Action- Nuisance Abatement: After discussion and upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Direct the City Manager to instruct staff to take a more proactive rather than reactive approach to code enforcement.' Councilmembers Hill, Karnofski, Anderson, Lefebvre, Alexander and Harvey voted yes. Councilmember Wood voted no. Motion carries 6 to 1.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Authorize an additional full time, Code Enforcement employee to be hired at the discretion of the City Manager.' Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Harvey and Lefebvre voted yes. Councilmember Karnofski, Hill, Anderson, Alexander and Wood voted no. Motion fails 5 to 2.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings and local events he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Absent.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Updated council on the status of various projects.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided an update on current projects being performed by Public Works.

Chief Rich Fletcher: Provided a staffing update.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on various meetings she attended.

Brian Wood: Reported that he attended the Airport Operating Board meeting.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on various meetings he attended

Mike Karnofski: Reported on various meetings he attended.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK