

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 Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill. 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 Lefebvre. 'Approve the agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

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

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Contract Closeout - 582301 – Old Pacific Highway Project
- Contract Closeout - 581804 - Huntington Middle School Safety 2021 Safe Routes to School.
- Contract Closeout - 592407 - 100 Block N. 7th Ave 2-inch Water Line Replacement.
- Contract Closeout - 792304 - Lads & Lassies Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. 'Approve the consent agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**2025 City Council Standing Committee/Board Assignments:** The assignments were as follows:

- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee**
  - Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson and City Manager Hamilton
- **Southwest Washington Regional Airport Authority**
  - Brian Wood, and Alternate Mike Karnofski
- **Lower Columbia CAP Board**
  - Kim Lefebvre and Alternate Jim Hill
- **Cowlitz Economic Development Council**
  - Veryl Anderson

*Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 'Appoint Mayor Anderson to this board.' Discussion followed. Councilmembers Alexander,*

*Lefebvre, Hill and Anderson voted yes. Councilmembers Wood, Harvey and Karnofski voted no. Motion passed, 4 to 3.*

▪ **City Audit**

- Lisa Alexander, Keenan Harvey and Alternate Brian Wood

*Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Councilmember Harvey to continue on the City Audit appointment.' Motion passed, all voting yes.*

▪ **River Cities Transit Authority Board**

- Lisa Alexander, Keenan Harvey, and Alternate Mike Karnofski

*Upon motion by councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Hill, "Have Councilmember Harvey continue to serve on the River Cities Transit Board." Motion passed, all voting yes.*

▪ **Cowlitz Wahkiakum Council of Governments**

- Mike Karnofski and Alternate Kim Lefebvre

*Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Councilmember Karnofski and Lefebvre continue to serve on this board.' Motion passed, all voting yes.*

▪ **Disability Board**

- Veryl Anderson

▪ **Fire Pension Board**

- Veryl Anderson, Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield and Deputy Clerk Nena Barajas

▪ **Cowlitz 911 Public Authority**

- City Manager Hamilton and Alternate Chief Fletcher

▪ **Library Board Liaison**

- Kimberly Lefebvre and Alternate Brian Wood

*Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Councilmember Lefebvre retain her position and appoint Councilmember Wood as the alternate.' Motion passed, all voting yes.*

▪ **Lodging Tax Advisory**

- Kim Lefebvre and Alternate Brian Wood

▪ **Multi-Agency Coordinating Group**

- City Manager Hamilton

▪ **Park Board Liaison**

- Lisa Alexander and Alternate Kimberly Lefebvre

▪ **Homeless Housing Task Force**

- Keenan Harvey and Alternate Lisa Alexander

*Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Wood, 'Retain Councilmember Harvey on the Homeless Housing Task Force with Councilmember Alexander as the alternate.' Councilmembers Alexander, Wood, Lefebvre, Anderson, Harvey and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.*

▪ **Sewer Operating Board (TRRWA)**

- Community Development Director Mike Kardas and Public Works Manager Devin Mackin

- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**
  - Jim Hill and Alternate Keenan Harvey
- **Metropolitan Planning Organization**
  - Community Development Director Mike Kardas and Senior Engineer Craig Bozarth.
- **Regional Transportation Planning Organization**
  - Mike Karnofski and Alternate Jim Hill
- **TRWWA Oversight Board**
  - Brian Wood and Mike Karnofski
- **County Health Board**
  - Keenan Harvey and Alternate Lisa Alexander

*Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'Continue with Councilmember Harvey as the designee and Councilmember Alexander as the alternate.' Councilmembers Alexander, Wood, Lefebvre, Anderson, Harvey and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.*

- **Chamber of Commerce**
  - Veryl Anderson and Alternate Kim Lefebvre, and Staff Appointee City Manager Hamilton

*Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Appoint Mayor Anderson as the designee for the Chamber of Commerce board.' Councilmembers Alexander, Lefebvre, Anderson and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Wood, Harvey and Karnofski voted no. Motion passed 4 to 3.*

- **Kelso Business & Community Association**
  - Veryl Anderson and Staff Appointee City Manager Hamilton

*In conclusion, and upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Kelso City Council Standing Committee and Board Assignments as presented and retained or as discussed and approved by consensus or as approved by vote of council.' Councilmembers Alexander, Wood, Lefebvre, Anderson, Hill and Karnofski voted yes. Councilmember Harvey voted no. Motion passed 6 to 1.*

**Contract Award – 581601 – Hazel St. RR Grade Separation Contract Award:**

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas briefed the council. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Award the contract to the lowest bidder, Cascade Bridge LLC, in the amount of \$22,792,858.52.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) Adopting Garbage Rates for 2025-2030:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. 'Pass on

the first reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF KELSO FOR FURNISHING GARBAGE SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025.'

Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Hill and Wood voted yes. Councilmember Alexander and Harvey voted no. Motion passed, 5 to 2.

**Ordinance No. 25-4018 Adopting Water Sewer Rater for 2025 – 2030:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by councilmember Wood. 'Pass on the second 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.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**Andrew Hamilton:** Reported on various meetings he attended.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield:** No report.

**City Attorney Janean Parker:** No report.

**Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas:** No report.

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

**Chief Rich Fletcher:** Happily, reported there were no major events over the holidays

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Brian Wood:** No report.

**Veryl Anderson:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** Mentioned the Housing Task Force held their first meeting and it was well attended.


**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

**Mike Karnofski:** Reported on various meetings he attended.

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

  
MAYOR

  
Deputy  
CITY CLERK