



**Regular Meeting City Council Agenda
Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
203 South Pacific Avenue
Kelso, WA 98626**

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1. Opening Items

- 1.1. Invocation - Larry Jones, Reign Church
- 1.2. Roll Call to Council Members

2. Approval of the Agenda

- 2.1. Vote to Approve or Amend the Agenda

3. Minutes

- 3.1. Draft Minutes - 8-4-26 "National Night Out"

4. Citizens Business

- 4.1. If you wish to speak at a meeting, please complete the yellow form and submit it in person. If you would like to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting via Zoom, please email: [Jessica Bronstein](#), Executive/Legal Assistant, **no later than Noon on the day of the meeting** for additional information.

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.1. Auditing of Accounts
- 5.2. Contract Closeout: 602401 - Vista-Haussler Drainage Rehabilitation

6. City Manager's Report

- 6.1. City Manager Report

7. Other Reports

- 7.1. Staff Reports
- 7.2. Council Reports

8. Place Holder Item(s)

- 8.1. Executive Session

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

Agenda Approval: Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Alexander ‘Approve the Agenda as presented.’ Motion carried, all voting yes.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Hill, ‘Approve the Minutes of the 7-21-26 Regular Meeting. Motion carried, all voting yes.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Anderson read a proclamation declaring August 4, 2026, as “National Night Out” in the City of Kelso. Chief Fletcher accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Police Department.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. 26-4038 – Public Safety Sales Tax – KPD: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, ‘Approve the ordinance on the second reading.’
‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON ENACTING AN ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT AS AUTHORIZED BY 201, CHAPTER 350, LAWS OF WASHINGTON 2025, FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES; ADDING A CHAPTER 3.11 SALES AND USE TAX FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE TO THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.’
Councilmembers Collins, Hill, Karnofski, Alexander and Anderson all voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey and Wood voted no. Motion carried, 5 to 2.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Congratulated the Kelso Baseball 13U making it to PNW Regionals & 16U making it to the World Series in Branson Missouri.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Veryl Anderson: Reported on various local events attended.

Jackie Collins: No report.

Brian Wood: No report.

Keenan Harvey: He reported a successful visit with the sister-city delegates alongside Mayor Anderson.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on the CAP board meeting she attended.

Jim Hill: Informed the Council of an upcoming community Town Hall–style discussion on the topic of fireworks, to be held at Catlin Hall.

Mike Karnofski:

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:17 PM.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

AGENDA SUMMARY SHEET

Business of the City Council City of Kelso, Washington

SUBJECT TITLE:

Closeout of Project 602401 – Vista-Haussler
Drainage Rehabilitation

Agenda Item: _____

Dept. of Origin: Com Dev/Engineering

For Agenda of: August 18, 2026

Cost of Item: \$1,468,836.82

PRESENTED BY:

Michael Kardas, P.E.
Community Development Director / City Engineer

City Manager: Andrew Hamilton

AGENDA ITEM ATTACHMENTS:

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Nutter Construction was awarded this contract which provided for improvement of the existing road, water, and storm conveyance system along West Vista Way, Haussler Road, portions of North and South Vista Way.

Work on this project began on 7/7/25 and was completed on 4/7/26.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,346,641.29
Revised Contract Amount:	\$1,468,836.82
Approved Change Orders:	1
Total Amount Change Orders:	\$60,059.42
Final Quantity Reconciliation:	\$62,136.11
Retainage Amount:	N/A
Final Contract Amount:	\$1,468,836.82
Change in Contract Amount:	\$122,195.53

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends Council make a motion to approve the closeout the Vista-Haussler Drainage Rehabilitation Project. This action will authorize release of the retainage bond upon receipt of final approvals from the State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Revenue, and Employment Security Department.