

Mayor Anderson called the Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council to order. Corey Larson gave the invocation. Mayor Veryl Anderson led the flag salute. The following Councilmembers were in attendance: Veryl Anderson, Lisa Alexander, Keenan Harvey, Jackie Collins, Mike Karnofski, Brian Wood and Jim Hill.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the Consent Agenda.' Motion carries, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Regular Meeting.' Councilmembers, Karnofski, Alexander, Anderson, Harvey, Collins and Wood all votes yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion carries, 6 to 1.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: 2 citizens spoke.

Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill, the Council voted to suspend the time-limit rules to allow one citizen to complete their statement. Councilmembers Karnofski, Hill, Anderson, Harvey, Collins, and Wood voted yes; Councilmember Alexander voted no. Motion carries, 6 to 1.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Auditing of accounts: **\$3,711,986.35**

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item – Solicitation Ordinance: Councilmember Harvey requested that the item be carried over to the May 19, 2026 meeting to allow for further legal review.

Contract Award – City of Kelso Animal Sheltering Needs: Building and Planning Services Manager Mike Murray briefed the council. Lengthy discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, 'Authorize the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Sheltering Services with the Humane Society.' Councilmembers Wood and Karnofski, Anderson, Collins and Hill voted yes. Councilmembers Alexander, Harvey, voted no. Motion carries 5 to 2.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Absent.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: Reminded the Council that The Washington State Auditor's Office annual audit will begin in early May.

City Attorney Stewart Feil: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: Provided Council with an update of projects.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided Council with an overview of work being performed by Public Works.

Chief of Police Rich Fletcher: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on meetings she attended.

Brian Wood: Reported on the most recent Airport Board meeting and informed Council the Airport will host the annual Unique Tin car show later this summer.

Jackie Collins: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

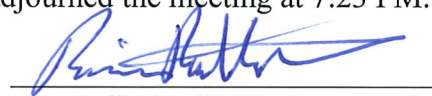
Keenan Harvey: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on the meetings he attended and upcoming local events.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:23 PM.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK