

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