

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

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

City Clerk Brian Butterfield swore in the following individuals to the Kelso City Council:

- Jim Hill, Council Position 4
- Keenan Harvey, Council Position 5
- Lisa Alexander, Council Position 6

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

City Clerk Brian Butterfield opened the floor for nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Hill nominated Veryl Anderson. Councilmember Wood nominated Mike Karnofski. There being no other nominations, City Clerk Butterfield closed the floor for nominations. Councilmembers Harvey, Alexander, Anderson and Hill voted for Veryl Anderson. There being four votes, **City Clerk Butterfield declared Veryl Anderson as the new mayor.**

City Clerk Brian Butterfield opened the floor for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Harvey nominated Lisa Alexander. Councilmember Hill nominated Mike Karnofski; Councilmember Karnofski nominated Kim Lefebvre. There being no other nominations, City Clerk Butterfield closed the floor for nominations. Councilmembers Harvey, Alexander and Anderson voted for Lisa Alexander. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Karnofski, Hill, and Wood voted for Kimberly Lefebvre. **City Clerk Butterfield declared Kimberly Lefebvre as the deputy mayor.**

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Hill 'Approve the Agenda as presented.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the Minutes of the December 19, 2023 Regular Meeting.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**CITIZENS BUSINESS:** 2 Citizens from the audience spoke.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**2024 Humane Society of Cowlitz County Animal Shelter Contract for Shelter Services:** Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander 'Pass the contract as written.' Motion passed, all voting, yes.

**Interlocal Agreement to Provide After Hours Animal Control Between Cowlitz County and the City of Kelso:** Upon motion by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre 'Pass the contract as written.' Motion passed, all voting, yes.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Ordinance No. 24-4002 (2nd Reading) City of Kelso Amending Chapter 5.03 of the City of Kelso Municipal Code:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, "Pass on the 2nd reading," 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING CHAPTER 5.03 OF THE KELSO MUNICIPAL CODE TO BRING THE BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAX PROVISIONS INTO CONFORMANCE WITH STATEWIDE MODEL ORDINANCE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 35.102 RCW.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Ordinance No. 24-4003 (2nd Reading) Amendments to Section 6.04 of the Animal Control Municipal Code:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, "Pass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading," "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 ANIMAL CONTROL TO REFLECT UPDATED IN HOUSE ANIMAL CONTROL PROCEDURES AND UPDATED ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACTS AND ENFORCMENT PROVISIONS.' Motion passed, all voting yes.

**Resolution No. 24-1287 Resolution Amending Schedules B, D, E, & F of the City of Kelso Master Fee Schedule:** The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, "Move to approve Resolution No. 24-1287, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SCHEDULES "B, D, E & F " OF THE CITY'S MASTER FEE SCHEDULE'. Motion passed, all voting yes.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

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

**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:** No report.

**Chief of Police Darr Kirk:** No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Brian Wood:** Reported on recent meetings he attended.

**Veryl Anderson:** No report.

**Jim Hill:** No report.

**Keenan Harvey:** No report.

**Lisa Knight Alexander:** No report.

**Kim Lefebvre:** No report.

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

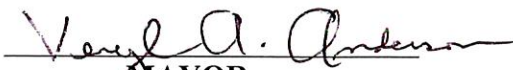
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 6:37 p.m., City Attorney Janean Parker announced that after a 5-minute break, the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss the performance of a public employee pursuant to RCW 42.31.1101G. The session was estimated to last until 7:12 PM, with action possible.

- At 7:15 PM, The Council extended the session for an additional 10 minutes.
- At 7:26 PM, The Council took a 10-minute recess.
- At 7:36 PM, The Council extended the session for an additional 30 minutes.

At 8:18 PM, The Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK