

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. ‘Amend the agenda, remove action item 7.1 from the agenda, per staff recommendation.’ Motion passed, all voting yes. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Wood “Approve the agenda as amended.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, ‘Approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2024 Special Meeting.’ Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Harvey, Wood and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passes 6 to 1.

PRESENTATIONS:

Three Rivers Wastewater Authority TRRWA:

General Manager Duane Leaf and Lab-Pretreatment Manager Joe Jordan provided an overview of the services they provide as well as upcoming projects and plant upgrades.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: 2 Citizens from the audience spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 6.1 Amendment #3 to Employment Agreement for City Manager Hamilton.
- 6.2 Project 572111-Airport Fuel Site Construction Management Contract Award.
- 6.3 Construction Contract Award: N. Minor Road.

Upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. “Move item 6.1 from the Consent Agenda to Action item 7.1.’ Discussion followed. Councilmembers Lefebvre, Harvey and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Karnofski, Hill, Anderson and Alexander voted no. Motion fails 3 to 4. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Alexander ‘Approve the Consent Agenda as presented with item 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.’ Councilmembers Karnofski, Lefebvre, Anderson, Wood, Hill and Alexander voted yes. Councilmember Harvey, voted no. Motion passes 6 to 1.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Attended the meeting via Zoom. Due to audio issues, the City Manager report was read aloud by Chief Darr Kirk. He reported on the various meetings he attended.

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: After questions from Council, City Attorney Janean Parker provided clarification regarding agenda item 6.1. She explained, an error had occurred at the 1/23/24 Special Meeting. At the conclusion of the Executive session and upon a query of Councilmember Wood, the City Attorney ascertained the certain action that was taken was not on the agenda and therefore was not in order at a Special Meeting. The City Attorney then requested that the item be placed on the next City Council agenda (2/6/24) for approval and ratification and this is the reason the item was placed on the Consent Agenda. After lengthy discussion, and upon motion by Councilmember Wood, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, "Amend the minutes to reflect the action taken after the Executive Session on 1/23/24." Motion passed, all voting yes

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

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Reported on staffing levels and current areas of focus for the Public Works Department.

Chief of Police Darr Kirk: 1) Provided a staffing update. 2) Reported on various meetings he attended.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: No report.

Veryl Anderson: No report.

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on recent meetings he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: No report.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on recent meetings he attended.


MAYOR


CITY CLERK