

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 Mike Karnofski, Veryl Anderson, Brian Wood, Jim Hill, Kim Lefebvre and Keenan Harvey.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre. ‘Approve the agenda as presented,’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Karnofski, ‘Approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Special & Regular Meetings.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Police Chief Oath of Office – Rich Fletcher: City Manager Andy Hamilton provided an overview of the achievements of Rich Fletcher. City Clerk Brian Butterfield administered the Oath of Office. Chief Fletcher’s wife and son, Dylan pinned the badge.

Preliminary Results - Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Rate Study: FCS Group Senior Project Manager Tage Aaker provided a presentation of phase one, revenue requirement results from the Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Solid Waste Rate Study. Discussion Followed.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: Two citizens from the audience spoke.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Discussion Item – Park Board Appointments, Lisa Diaz & Jennifer Wheeler.

Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Harvey. ‘Approve the consent agenda as presented.’ Motion passed, all voting yes.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Discussion Item – City Flag Design: City Manager Hamilton asked council to review three designs. After discussion, council provided a few suggestions and changes. City Manager Hamilton stated, he will have those changes made and then bring the designs back for review.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) An Ordinance Setting the 2025 Property Tax Levy Amount: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember

Hill, 'Pass on the first reading, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO FIXING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY AD VALOREM TAXES AT \$1,783,858 OR MAXIMUM ALLOWED BY LAW FOR THE 2025 BUDGET OF THE CITY.' Councilmembers Lefebvre, Hill, Karnofski and Wood voted yes. Councilmembers Harvey, Alexander and Anderson voted no. Motion passed 4 to 3.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Reported on various meetings he attended. 2) Mentioned the annual Tree Lighting event at City Hall will be on 12/6/2024 at 6:00 PM.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: 1) Announced the budget was submitted to the City Manager for review and should be sent out soon. 2) Mentioned a budget hearing would be scheduled for the next meeting.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Community Development Director/City Engineer Mike Kardas: 1) Introduced the newest staff member Craig Bozarth, Senior Engineer to the engineering department. 2) Announced the Hazel Street Project will be ready to go to bid on 12/17/2024 and expect to award the bid by 1/1/2025.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Provided a staffing update.

Sargent Damon Blain: No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Brian Wood: Mentioned the State Auditors are holding an opening meeting for the audit of the airport board next week.

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

Jim Hill: No report.

Keenan Harvey: Reported on various meeting and local events he attended.

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on the park board meeting and local events she attended.

Kim Lefebvre: No report.

Mike Karnofski: Reported on various meetings he attended.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:17 PM.


MAYOR


Deputy CITY CLERK