

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

AGENDA APPROVAL: Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Alexander, 'Approve the agenda as presented.' Councilmembers Wood, Harvey, Lefebvre, Anderson and Alexander voted yes, Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

MINUTES: Upon motion by Councilmember Lefebvre, seconded by Councilmember Harvey, 'Approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting.' Councilmembers Wood, Harvey, Lefebvre, Anderson and Alexander votes yes, Councilmember Hill voted no. Motion passed 5 to 1.

PRESENTATIONS:

City Hall Envelope Repairs - Staff Recommendation Report: Senior Engineer Will Hoskins provided the Council with a detailed presentation regarding essential current and future repairs needed at City Hall, including projected costs for the proposed work. Discussion followed.

CITIZENS BUSINESS: None.

ACTION ITEMS:

Ordinance No. (1st Reading) - Franchise Agreement- PUD: The Deputy Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Harvey, seconded by Councilmember Lefebvre, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, GRANTING THE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE, AUTHORITY AND FRANCHISE TO SET, ERECT, LAY, CONSTRUCT, SUPPORT, ATTACH, CONNECT, MAINTAIN, REPAIR, REPLACE, OPERATE AND USE FACILITIES IN, UPON, OVER, UNDER, ALONG, ACROSS, AND THROUGH THE FRANCHISE AREA TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSMISSION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR POWER, HEAT AND LIGHT, AND ANY OTHER PURPOSE FOR WHICH ELECTRIC ENERGY MAY BE USED, PROVIDED THAT SUCH RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AUTHORITIES AND FRANCHISES ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY REQUIREMENTS.' Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hamilton: Reported on various meetings he attended.

STAFF REPORTS:

Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield: No report.

City Attorney Janean Parker: No report.

Senior Engineer Will Hoskins: No report.

Public Works Manager Devin Mackin: Informed council the spray park is scheduled to re-open on July 28, 2025.

Chief of Police Rich Fletcher: Provided a staffing update.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Knight Alexander: Reported on various meetings she attended.

Brian Wood: Reported on the upcoming event at the airport that is open to the public.

Kim Lefebvre: Reported on the meeting she attended

Jim Hill: No report.

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

Mike Karnofski: Absent.

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


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:44 PM, Mayor Anderson announced that the Council would adjourn into executive session to discuss potential litigation, RCW 42.30.1101(F). The session was estimated to last until 6:50 with no action taken. The City Attorney was present.

- At 6:50 PM, the Council extended the session until 6:52 PM.
- At 6:52 PM, the Council reconvened into regular session.

There being no further business, Mayor Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.