

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2008**

**1. OPENING**

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

**A. Flag Salute**

Mayor Poulsen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call**

Councilmembers present were Adam Smee, Dominic Ciancibelli, Chuck Hutchinson, Don Purvis, and Bud Gish. City staff present were Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Chief Bruce Hall. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was also present. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Poulsen announced the executive session would be held later in the meeting for the convenience of the public

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None**

**4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

**A. Rich Smith - Silent Hero Award**

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented a certificate to Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Richard Smith who was accompanied by his wife Jean. Rich is a dedicated employee, an ultimate professional, who always goes above and beyond. His work is greatly appreciated.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Appointments to the Parks & Recreation Advisory**

## **Committee**

Councilmember Bud Gish noted that these had been reviewed at the prior meeting in the Mayor's absence. Councilmember Gish made a motion the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Steve Wright and Todd Waldo to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson seconded, and the motion carried.

### **B. Cowlitz County Parks Grant - Amount \$2500**

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary informed the Council that an error was in the original agreement from the County which stated the grant was for \$5000, when in fact the grant is only for \$2500. The Council's previous approval is valid as the amount is less than was approved, so a new motion is not required. The record will show the grant is for only \$2500.

### **C. Police Station Relocation to the Community Building**

This was tabled to the March 5, 2008 City Council meeting.

### **D. Safe Schools Grant Agreement - Authorization to sign**

Police Chief Bruce Hall explained this grant is in conjunction with a county-wide program for law enforcement and schools to work together. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Safe School Grant agreement with the School District. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

### **E. Envision Kalama - Letter of Appreciation**

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli requested a letter of appreciation to be signed by the Council be prepared and sent to Envision Kalama for their work on getting the trees for the downtown.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS - None**

## **9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None**

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE -**

A. Invitation to the COG Banquet - March 20, 2008 6pm @ Cowlitz Conference Center

This was noted, and the Council needs to let the Clerk know if anyone would like to attend.

## **11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported he had attended the Envision Kalama fundraiser and was very impressed by the number of new residents and people from outside the City that are getting involved in the community. Mayor Poulsen added that the Community Building is looking great with the work the crew has done. He commended them and the entire City staff for the great job everyone is doing.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson reported he had met with Chief Hall, and they discussed the department working with the County on a sex offender round up. There is state-funding to cover the overtime costs the City will incur.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis had no report.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

## **12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented his written report. It was noted that Amalaks had donated \$3000 towards the work at the Community Building. Mr. McCrary informed the Council that one of the Public Works employees, Danny Aumiller, has suffered a non-work related back injury, so he is off work at this time.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported he had attended a recent Chamber meeting and discussed the parking. The Chamber has decided to work on the issues and provide some feedback to him. There will be a meeting tomorrow night at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at the Montgomery House.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported that AWC had used a picture of the Fir Street improvement project in an infrastructure report. Also, the City will receive reduced rates through the AWC Retro program based upon their good safety records. She noted the passing of local resident Frank Grey, who was a former City Council member.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel reported he had attended the AWC Conference in January.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA -**

*Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the February 2, 2008 City Council meeting. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS – Relay for Life**

Kalama Citizen Jim Bain informed the Council of the upcoming Relay for Life event scheduled for August 9-10, 2008. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the United Kalama team.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Real Estate & Litigation Issues**

Mayor Pete Poulsen called an executive session to discuss Real Estate and Litigation Issues at 7:26 p.m. He invited the City's department heads to attend. The session would last about 30 minutes. At 7:55 p.m., the session was extended an additional 20 minutes. The meeting resumed at 8:15 p.m.

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council authorize the Attorney to file a breach of contract and negligence suit against contractor Landis & Landis. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council authorize a change to the scope of work for the architect, Barrantine, Bates & Lee to conduct a feasibility study of placing all departments of the City under one roof. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**