

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 18, 2015**

**1. OPENING**

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Poulsen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers present were Mike Truesdell, Dominic Ciancibelli, Mike Dennis Langham, Don Purvis, and Mary Putka. City staff present were City Administrator Adam Smee, Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Chief Randy Gibson. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

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

**4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

**A. Jim & Kathy Mauck – Manure Pile-Cattle- Bales of Hay Complaint**

Mr. Jim Mauck of 607 Cloverdale Road just on the other side of Stone Forest explained to the Council that over the last few years the manure smell from across the street has made it so they are unable to open their windows during the summer. A few years ago his neighbor, Mr. Harkleroad brought in cattle to the upper pasture lot and is feeding them in a small area. There is a pile of either manure or rotting straw right at the road and every 3 or 4 days moves or stirs and adds additional matter to it and it reeks. Mr. Mauck stated he does not want to have his neighbor get rid of the cattle, but feels that there needs to be some consideration for the neighbors. He does have concerns with number of cattle which seem to be increasing. There are also bales of hay being trucked and sold from the site. The trucks and the bales along the road create issues with traffic and parking along the road. The pictures provided were all taken from the Mauck's front porch. Mr. Mauck wants something done about the smell. It was also noted that it looks like he is running a business with all the hay being brought and then picked up in small increments. The cattle have been moved to another pasture area. The hay bales are still along the street and the Maucks do have concerns with the possibility of fire. Councilmember Don Purvis asked when the Maucks began to have concerns. Mr. Mauck noted about 2 to 3 years. It was in 2013 first noticed more cattle up in the area closer to the road. He noted he believes this is a public nuisance. He and his wife just want to be able to go outside and open their windows. He added that it appears the herd of cattle could double in size and believes there should be a limit on the number an owner can have. The City's code may have to be addressed to look at what can be done to address this.

Mayor Poulsen asked Robert Harkleroad to address the issue. Mr. Harkleroad stated he understands his neighbor doesn't like the smell of manure. He is not sure since they are on the west side of highway and 90% of time the area gets east winds how the neighbor gets the smell so bad. Mayor Poulsen asked Mr. Harkleroad "What is he going to do to abate the situation?" Mayor Poulsen noted that the simple solution would be for him to move the hay and the manure pile. Working in the sewer business he is aware that matter does smell when it rots. Mr. Harkleroad stated that he can't put the manure on fields until fall. If he moves the manure pile, it is going to create more smell. He has moved the silage to south of the barn and moved the cattle to another field. Mayor Poulsen acknowledged that the Harkleroads are reasonable people. He suggested that they move the pile to the other side of the property and be a good neighbor. Mr. Harkleroad noted that if he moves it right now it will create a major smell, but won't smell if left alone. He is willing to cover it with straw if that will make the neighbors feel better. He was feeding the cattle there because it is dryer during the winter months. Mr. Mauck responded that he is able to hear everything that comes off the hill to the east from the school football games or other neighbors, so the smell also carries his direction. He doesn't think covering it will help, but will make it decay more and it will generate more heat. He and his wife both understand that moving the manure pile will create a strong odor during the process, but that would only be temporary. Ms. Gerri Brewer – Harkleroad requested that they be given some time until the weather improves. Then he can get in and move the pile. She explained that the cattle are moved in the summer to Cathlamet and brought back in September. They will sell the calves that are due and possibly some of the others, so the herd will not be growing. The gates will be left open so the cattle can come and go within the lower and upper fields so they may be up by the road at times. Mayor Poulsen asked if 90 days would allow them the time to get it done. The parties agreed this was reasonable. Mayor Poulsen thanked Mr. Harkleroad for his cooperation.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**8. NEW BUSINESS - None**

**9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Resolution #620 – Social Media Policies**

Resolution No. 620 was read by title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kalama establishing Social Media Administrative Policies. Clerk Treasurer Coni McMaster explained that in order for the City to setup a Facebook page to communicate with the citizens, it needs to have certain policies in place so that issues of use and security are addressed. These policies would address any kind of social media. The policies were developed from other city policies and information from Municipal Research. Councilmember Mike Truesdell made a motion the City Council adopt Resolution 620 adopting social media policies. Councilmember Mary Putka seconded, and the motion carried.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

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

**A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen reported the work on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration continues. There is a bit of a concern that the fair starts the very next day. Then two weeks later the Blues Festival will be held. The City will be busy. The 125<sup>th</sup> banners are to go up this week.

**B.** Councilmember Mike Truesdell reported he met with Coni and reviewed the TBD annual report for completeness.

**C.** Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

**D.** Councilmember Mike Langham stated he will be attending the annual COG meeting next week.

**E.** Councilmember Donald Purvis referred to some information regarding the oil trains and what should be done if a disaster occurs. It was asked if the CARE group meets regularly. The Chief wasn't sure. There are 12 to 13 trains per week coming through Kalama so we do need to be aware of what can happen. Mayor Poulsen explained that the shippers use an additive to help keep the oil from being so explosive. There are lots of concerns and they are being addressed by various groups. Councilmember Purvis reported the Health Department Youth Health survey showed that 80% of the local youth don't use drugs or alcohol. It also shows that marijuana hasn't gone down and remains seconded to alcohol use among youth. There are concerns with youth being influenced by legality of marijuana here and in the surrounding states. He noted that a zoning amendment application is before the Planning Commission which could allow marijuana activities. Mayor Poulsen spoke up that the Council needed to wait until the Planning Commission has completed their review or there could be problems when it comes before the Council. He noted that City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had spoken with Don regarding this issue. Councilmember Purvis noted that he has a right to his opinion and the Mayor cannot put a gag order on him. Mayor Poulsen noted that this will not be discussed by the Council.

**F.** Councilmember Mary Putka reported new librarian assistant for Saturdays.

## **12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A.** City Administrator Adam Smee reported he is getting ready to look for engineers for doing the design for China Garden and will have 2 councilmembers be a part of the committee. He wants this project to go very smoothly with school as they will have a new superintendent when the construction happens. Adam note that he and Kelly will be submitting for some economic development funding from the County.

**B.** Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen presented a written report. He noted the recent carpenter ant problem at Community Building. He called in Interstate Pest Control and has dealt with the problem. During this process it came to his attention that the deck at the kitchen door was very weak and he has had it replaced. He reported that Daniel Woolford on the crew passed the level one water operator test. Kelly added that he will be hosting a class here on 23<sup>rd</sup> with DOH about the DE type water plants. There are only

five plants in the state so there will be operators from all over state. It will include suppliers and specialists in the field here from all over the country. Kalama's plant is the largest in the state. The crew will do some potholing using DOT for the water lines along the second rail. The contractor will start the Ports forced main project next week and will be correcting the pipe previously laid to extend sewer out to the Haydu Park area by June.

**C.** Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report noting it has been a busy two weeks. There are several cases with ongoing investigations. The suspect arrested for the on-line solicitation had worked at the school part-time but the criminal activity was not connected to that. There was never contact made between the victim and the suspect, so the incident ended as well as possible. The custodial kidnapping case still on going, but there are no new developments. The suspect is now in local custody. The kids in possession of marijuana probably obtained it from parents with a medical marijuana card. The electrical shock incident was for preliminary investigation of a workplace injury that will probably forward to L&I for further investigation. There was copper piping stolen from vacant house. The property nuisance story in paper was done well and has produced positive feedback. The City prevailed in a recent impound hearing which the defendant did not take well becoming very angry. Department of Corrections statistics received show that Cowlitz County is number one in the State for the number of citizens under supervision and number1 having citizens convicted of drug crimes under supervision. Hopefully this will come down in the next year. Mayor Poulsen asked the Chief what he knows about the rise in the use of phentanal as an abused prescription drug. Chief Gibson noted that is number one in overdoses on prescription drugs. There will be new parking signs in the downtown areas as required by state codes. The codes require an advisory sign that vehicles can be towed be posted along with the parking hours limits.

**D.** Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported she is working on the various annual reports. Her department has hired a new temporary employee for while Kiley is on leave. Kiley is working some from home. She informed the Council that the Joint Entity meeting will be March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Fire Department.

**E.** City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent.

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including:*

*1. Claims and Payroll Warrants approved for payment:*

Claim Warrants 34430 through 34477	\$55,581.39
Electronic Claim Payments dated: March 19, 2015	\$ 1,456.83
Payroll Warrants #34478 through 34489	\$39,545.75
Electronic Payroll Payments dated: March 19, 2015	\$17,432.41

Voided Warrant 34362 dated February 18, 2015 and  
Voided Warrant 34407 dated March 4, 2015

\$ -3,500.84  
\$ - 954.50

2. Minutes of the March 4, 2015 City Council Meeting
3. Approve Mayor's Appointment of Heidi Souvenir to Parks and Recreation Committee

*Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.*

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the recording for this meeting is available for review upon request.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**