

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2008**

1. OPENING

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

A. Flag Salute

Mayor Poulsen led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers present were Adam Smee (arrived at 7:15), Dominic Ciancibelli (arrived at 7:16), 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. 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

A. Six-Year Street Plan – 2009 - 2014

Mayor Poulsen opened the public hearing. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary reviewed the projects listed explaining that much of the funding has been or will be applied for. The items listed in order of priority are:

1. Downtown Streetscape Phase II – Geranum to Kingwood
2. Fourth Street Rehab – HS Parking Lot to N. Fourth Place
3. Various Street Repairs – these are based on safety concerns
4. Pave 8th Street between Birch and Date Streets
5. Pave Birch Street – between Sixth and Seventh Streets
6. Sidewalk Projects – these are based on safety concerns
7. North Third Place – between Fir and Holly
8. Meeker Drive Rehab Phase II – Nectarine to N. City limits
9. Meeker Drive Sidewalks – Nectarine to N. City limits
10. Military Road Sidewalks – Cloverdale to Wooddale

Regarding the projects on Meeker, it was asked what affect the area where the road has slipped will have on the projects and maintenance after completion. Mr. McCrary stated that this will be something that will have to be dealt with on an ongoing basis. There are no sidewalks or even a walking area at this location currently. Mr. Jim Bain, 308 N. Second St. urged the Council to make the Meeker Drive sidewalk a higher priority. He specified the first section after Nectarine and suggested it be brought to the condition that the County has put in place further north – a gravel walking shoulder, so that there is a safe area for the walkers in the community. He added this could be added to item 6 as part of the various sidewalk projects. Mayor Poulsen noted the area he hears the most complaints is Elm Street between Second and Third Streets. Mr. McCrary assured the Mayor and Council that this sidewalk will be addressed this year. The City is having the trees evaluated to determine if they need to be removed. We have received money in the sidewalk fund to address this area. It was clarified that all the projects are contingent upon finding funding.

After some discussion the priority of the list was changed to the following:

1. Downtown Streetscape Phase II – Geranuim to Kingwood
2. Fourth Street Rehab – HS Parking Lot to N. Fourth Place
3. Various Street Repairs – these are based on safety concerns
4. Sidewalk Projects – Meeker Dr. 1200 feet beyond Nectarine a priority
5. Pave Birch Street – between Sixth and Seventh Streets
6. Pave 8th Street between Birch and Date Streets
7. North Third Place – between Fir and Holly
8. Meeker Drive Rehab Phase II – Nectarine to the Old N. City limits
9. Meeker Drive Sidewalks – to N. City limits
10. Military Road Sidewalks – Cloverdale to Woodale

The Downtown Streetscape Phase I was discussed, and it is going well. The City is reviewing the proposals for crosswalk construction to determine if we can take some of the extra funds to put in the pavers or add more design. These items were removed when the City received estimates that the costs would be in excess of the existing funding. The Mayor will keep the Council informed, and a change order will be brought before the Council if necessary. Mayor Poulsen also noted if there is funding available, he would like to see the east side sidewalks extended beyond Geranium to the Credit Union site. He closed the hearing at 7:22 pm.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Water’s Walk Extension – Planning Commission Request for Reconsideration

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster explained that the Planning Commission is requesting that due to the work load they have before them, they would like the Council to hold the public hearing on this request rather than the Commission. As this plat is already developing under all the current codes, there are no specific planning or development issues to be reviewed. Mayor Poulsen and several Councilmembers stated this would be acceptable to them. The hearing was set for Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

B. Set a Date for Town Hall Meeting – How To Meet the City’s Facilities Needs?

Mayor Poulsen suggested the meeting be held on Tuesday July 8, 2008. The current option period will expire on July 12, 2008. The meeting can be published so the Council action may be taken at the meeting, or the Council can wait until the regular meeting of July 16, 2008. It was confirmed that the Council can also hold an executive session at a special meeting or even continue the meeting to another day. It was decided to publish the meeting as a special meeting and not a workshop. The Town Hall meeting was set for Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Kalama Community Building. This meeting will be published and posted to encourage the citizens to attend.

Councilmember Ciancibelli noted the type of stucco construction that has been used on the Blue Sky Building. There have been some system failures over the time that this construction method has been used including the Safeways in Longview. Water gets in and cannot get out in some cases causing mildew and rotting. Chief Bruce Hall informed the Council that the architect, Rob Barrantine, is well aware and knowledgeable regarding this type of construction. He has brought the concerns forward. He has provided recommendations on things the City should do to test the building prior to purchasing.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. **Ordinance No. 1218** - An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Municipal Code Sections 16.08.090(B) and 16.08.090(C) allowing for extensions of preliminary plat approvals based upon certain criteria.

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that a new draft of the ordinance was presented to the Council tonight in which the issue of unpaid fees was addressed. This added section B with only a minor change for the fees to the ordinance and revised section C to include the fees as well. She read Ordinance No. 1218 by Title.

Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No 1218

as read by the City Clerk. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded. Mr. Skip Urling a consultant that has worked on several plats in Kalama thanked the Council for addressing the issues so quickly. The revision will set good policies and allow flexibility for both the developers and the City. The motion carried.

B Resolution No. 514 – Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2009 – 2014

Resolution No. 514 was read by Title. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council adopt Resolution No 514 as read by the City Clerk. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – None was brought forward for comment

- A. Water Operating Permit 2008 - 2009
- B. Short Course on Local Planning - June 24, 2008 - Flyer
- C. AWC Local Officials Training - Announcement of a Summer Session
- D. Email Correspondence from Linda Yannikos

11. MAYOR’S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

- A. Mayor Pete Poulsen had no report.
- B. Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.
- C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.
- D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson had no report.
- E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported that members of Envision Kalama had raised some concerns with the palm streets placed at the north end of town and appreciate the City addressing the issue. Mayor Poulsen explained that a letter has been sent to the owner requesting the trees be removed in 30 days. The City has a plan in place that was developed by a community committee. Had the owner approached the City prior to putting the trees in, he would have been informed what kind of trees have been approved for placement in this area as per the Downtown Streetscape Plan. The trees were planted in the City right-of-way without City approval. The Plan has been discussed for several years and has long been public knowledge within the community. City code does state that permission or a permit must be issued for work in the public right-of-way.
- F. Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary noted the State Department of Health's permit of Kalama's water system. The City is a category "Green" which means they are in compliance with all state requirements. Mr. McCrary commented on the streetscape project currently underway. The contractor and the citizens are working well with one another. The citizens have been attending the construction meetings each week, and the contractor has been responsive to their concerns. The project is going well and there have been some challenges. Mayor Poulsen asked Mr. McCrary to explain the issue with the ADA requirements and the slope in some of the sidewalks. Under ADA sidewalks can only have a 2% grade and in order to match the entrances of the existing buildings to the curbs, the sidewalks have to be constructed in this manner. There have been some other issues with the leveling due to the terrain. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson noted that the contractor has been storing some of the equipment in his warehouse overnight. When the sidewalk was poured at that location, a lip was created at the entrance to the warehouse. The contractor has offered to fix the problem when they do the asphaltting, but this is not in exchange for the use of the warehouse or because he sits on the Council. Councilmember Ciancibelli noted that it has been long coming getting the downtown sidewalks fixed as he remembers an incident involving his wife and 35 year old daughter, then a baby, falling due to a crack in the sidewalk.

Mr. McCrary informed the Council that the crew is currently working up on Todd Road. Mr. Roy Sargeant, a Todd Road resident, stopped by the shop to let Carl know what a good crew the City has and how well they work together.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported on a hit-and-run driver that was apprehended after a chase along I-5. This turned into a dangerous situation when the suspect was stopped in the middle of I-5 at 5:30 in the evening. The suspect was drunk, and was caught in part due to citizen involvement using a cell phone. Chief Hall noted that school is now out for the summer. When asked how the drug dog is doing, he responded that in a recent case the dog had helped in locating drugs when a search warrant was served.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported that the Leadership class she attended was very good and thanked those that completed the assessment that was part of that process. The Council will be getting recommendations from the Planning Commission on the Eagle Cliff Plat at the next meeting. Also at the next meeting, the Council will receive information on a franchise agreement for a fibre optic/cable service that will be placing lines within the City. The City will be able to collect utility taxes on these services. Similar agreements have been made with other local jurisdictions.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent.

13. CONSENT AGENDA -

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the June 4, 2008 City Council meeting. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

Pete Poulsen - Mayor

Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer