

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 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, Dominic Ciancibelli, Chuck Hutchinson, and Bud Gish. Councilmember Don Purvis was absent. City staff present were Director of Public Works Carl McCrary and Police Chief Bruce Hall. Acting Deputy Clerk Sue Seay filled in for Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, who was attending a conference. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was also present. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pete Poulsen announced that the Council would go into a 5-minute Executive Session to discuss a litigation issue. The Council meeting resumed at approximately 7:07 p.m. Attorney Paul Brachvogel left the meeting after the Executive Session.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. David Hunt, Columbia River Channel Deepening Coalition, gave an update on the project. He encouraged everyone to keep pressure on their Congressional delegation to ensure funding of the final \$36 million needed to complete the project. The project can be completed in 2009 if the funding is available. The project has consisted of deepening the channel from 40 feet to 43 feet for 100 miles. By the end of this year the project will be two-thirds of the way done. It is estimated \$18.8 million will be saved in transportation costs when the project is complete. David Hunt mentioned that negotiations are continuing with the Golf family for the Woodland property, which is needed for mitigation.

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson asked why mitigation was necessary when no spawning occurs in the river and there are no sturgeon in this portion of the river. Mr. Hunt explained that the mitigation is needed for wetland impact and not fish impacts. Seventy percent of the sand is being placed upland and will displace existing wetlands. It was also pointed out that sand is available at no cost to cities, ports and counties. When citizens purchase sand, the money is placed in a fund that benefits schools.

B. A framed display has been given to the City for placement in the Community Building. The display shows the names of all the contributors for the grand piano purchased for the Community Building. Mac Potts was commended for his efforts.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS (Took Place at End of Meeting)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Downtown Streetscape Project – Authorization of Change Orders up to \$7000.

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson stated the Director of Public Works Carl McCrary has been given authority to sign change orders during past projects and is known for being cost conscious and protective of City interests. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson moved that the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to approve individual change orders of less than \$7,000 during construction of the First Street Improvement Project. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded and the motion carried.

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

It was decided this matter would be discussed under Ordinances and Resolutions later in the meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract for Attorney Services – Landis Matter.

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli moved that the City Council authorize the Mayor sign the agreement with Kenyon Disend, PLLC for legal services

regarding the Landis matter. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

Citizen Jim Dickey asked if Attorney Paul Brachvogel had resigned. The Mayor stated the City Attorney had not resigned, but that the law firm of Kenyon Disend is being retained for a specific legal issue, the Landis road striping matter.

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 1218 – An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Municipal Code Section 16.08.090(C) allowing for extensions of preliminary plat approvals based upon certain criteria.

Ordinance No. 1218 was read by title. Councilmember Bud Gish moved that the City accept Ordinance No. 1218 as read. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson seconded. When asked for discussion on the matter, Public Works Director McCrary stated he had been pondering the language of the ordinance. Today it occurred to him that perhaps some consideration should be given to include language that would require developers to pay fees incurred as of the date of the extension as a condition of an approval for extension. The City pays expenses for plan reviews, engineering services, and other costs and does not receive reimbursement until final plat approval. If a developer happens to walk away from a project, these fees are never reimbursed. Mayor Pete Poulsen and the Council decided the matter would be tabled for two weeks so these additional issues could be discussed. Councilmember Bud Gish retracted his motion.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Notification of \$500 Grant – The City received notification of a \$500 AWC grant for traffic cones and barricades. The Mayor pointed out this was another example of the good job Director of Public Works Carl McCrary and staff do in seeking out and obtaining funds for the City.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen stated Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, a representative from Integrity, and he had attended the Chamber lunch meeting to discuss the Downtown Streetscape Project. The turnout was disappointing, and only the usual Chamber attendees were there. The Mayor stated the project appears to be going quickly.

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli stated he had received questions from citizens asking where the money was coming from. This project is fully funded with an RSTP grant and grants from Economic Development. The Fir Street Project and the Flood Control Project are both examples of recent work that was completed as a result of grants received. Compliments were given to the staff and Council for their

vision and efforts. Citizen Jim Dickey stated the staff has done a great job. He also mentioned that he was appreciative of the efforts of citizen committees that raised funds so trees could be planted during the project. The Community Action Group was also complimented for their work.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson stated Officer Steve Parker and the police dog had gone to Spokane last week for some open air, car, and building training. The officer and police dog are both very close to becoming fully certified. The officers have stated they have noticed a difference in town.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis was absent.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish stated the Public Works Committee had met. The Committee had discussed eight items. Discussion had been favorable, and all items had been addressed during tonight's meeting.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary submitted a written report. He stated the contractors working on the Streetscape Project are competent, fast, and attentive. Construction meetings are being held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. At the next City Council meeting the Six-Year Street Plan will be presented and a hearing will be set.

A TIB grant for North Fourth Street will be re-submitted. Based on suggestions from Greg Armstrong of TIB, the project will be revised to include the area from the high school parking lot to the intersection of Third and Fourth Streets. Last year the City received a low ranking on the project, and it is hoped the ranking will improve with the re-submittal.

The Public Works crew is working on Todd Road doing water service crossings. The sign purchased by AMALAK has been placed on the Community Building and everyone is very pleased.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported animal code enforcement work is continuing. He is pleased that other cities are cooperating. The City was kenneling a dog and the owners wanted to relocate the animal to another city. It was determined the animal could not be moved unless it met the requirements of our City. The owners wanted the dog back, so they have built a kennel for the animal, posted signs on the property, and a \$50,000 liability insurance policy is in place. In

addition, the City received \$600 in kennel fees. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli pointed out the Police Department is saving the City between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a year by not having to contract out for animal control services.

C. Acting Deputy Clerk Sue Seay stated Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster is attending a conference. Staff is working hard to ensure things run smooth.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers in the amount of \$150,760.58 for May 2008, and Payroll Vouchers totaling \$116,135.09 for May 2008, and the minutes of the May 21, 2008 City Council meeting. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS (Out of Order)

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson had noticed some new attendees at the Council meeting and asked if they had any specific concerns. Citizen Alicia McNeil stated she had seen some information about a new development. She understands the school does not have a policy for reviewing developments, and she wondered if the Planning Commission considered the impacts on schools and other services when reviewing a development. Alicia was assured this was done. The Fire Department makes sure there is adequate turnaround for its trucks. The City ensures the streets are up to code and makes sure park issues are addressed. Jim Bain pointed out that schools are funded by property taxes, so schools are generally happy when new developments are being done.

Citizen Paul Akre asked if there was going to be a town meeting on the City Hall plans. Mayor Pete Poulsen stated there would be a town meeting the end of June or early July. At that meeting the citizens will be provided with all the information on the different options as well as the costs for each option. There is always the possibility of doing nothing, with the exception of the Police Department.

Something needs to be done about the police building because it has become a health hazard. The building is made of cinder block. The building could be razed. Other options will be reviewed, such as a new building or moving the Police Department to the Community Building.

The Mayor wanted everyone to know the buildings belong to the citizens and nothing will be done without their approval. The City has been using the same buildings for over 70 years, and they have been flooded 3-4 times. When the Blue Sky Building became a possibility, it was decided to take a look at it. The City paid

\$5,000 to hold the option for 90 days. The Mayor is not willing to put the citizens in peril and the City will be moving carefully. If everyone had to standstill because of rising costs, nothing would ever get done.

Mrs. Hendrickson wanted to know what would be done about parking if the facilities were moved to the Blue Sky Building. There is parking available at the building, and Mrs. Hendrickson was assured the City was not looking at parking at the Hendrickson Building. Parking will always be an issue in Kalama.

Citizen Jim Dickey stated he hoped there would be plenty of notice and advertising done for the Town Hall meeting. The Mayor assured him it would be well advertised.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

Pete Poulsen – Mayor

Sue Seay – Acting Deputy Clerk