

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 16, 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, Don Purvis, and Bud Gish. City staff present were 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 - None

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A request from Jeff Carrigg regarding the palm trees was added under Public Concerns.

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. DOE Presentation of Outstanding WWTP Award

Ms. Pat Bailey of the Washington State Department of Ecology presented Kalama with an award for being 100% compliant in the last year at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility. This is the second year in a row Kalama has received the award. Ms. Bailey presented the award to operators Richard Smith and Robert "Woody" Woodward, adding that they do a fine job. She congratulated the Mayor and Council for their part in providing the tools for them to do the job. Ms. Bailey services the region from Callam Bay in the north all the way to Stevenson in the south where there are a hundred plants. Twenty-five of those plants received the award and there were forty-seven awards state wide. These awards are made due to the work of the operators, the City Councils that support them and advances in technology, all working toward the goal of clean water in Washington State.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

A. Jeff Carrigg – Palm Trees (Mayor moved up on the agenda)

Mr. Jeff Carrigg submitted a letter to be on the agenda to discuss the palm trees that he planted in the City right-of-way at the corner of Kingwood and First Street. Mr. Carrigg was not present. Ms. Kimm Alexander, explained that she supports the palm trees being allowed to stay, but is not at the meeting to speak for Mr. Carrigg. He had given her a letter which was provided to the City Council, but since she knew nothing of the items in the letter she felt she could not present it. Ms. Alexander explained that she had drafted a petition to allow the palm trees to stay until the City's street project reaches that end of town, and she fully supports that. She understands that planting the trees in the right-of-way without consulting the City was wrong, but they are there now so they may as well stay. There is a second petition in town as well that wants the trees to stay permanently as well as allow for further brick and other work to continue. Ms. Alexander stated that is not what she supports. Mayor Poulsen informed those present that at the last Council meeting the City had given the trees a partial reprieve. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli stated the he was to contact Mr. Carrigg regarding the trees and he had been unable to catch him at the restaurant. He had left a message that Mr. Carrigg still needs to get a right-of-way permit to keep the trees in place. It was explained that the trees being placed downtown were selected based upon recommendations from the engineering landscape architect for the project and a citizens' committee after several months of discussion.

Councilmember Bud Gish addressed the fact that he keeps hearing that the Council is "against palm trees" which is not the case. The issue is where they were placed; how they were placed; and when it was done. The City received no request, no permit application or inquiry regarding the placing of the trees. There are also some drawbacks with palm trees. They develop large root wads and are susceptible to high winds. They require sandy soil for certain nutrients which Kalama doesn't have. It is not a matter of whether they are liked or not, but are they practical for Kalama. The planting strip there is narrow and the trees could cause problems for the sidewalks. Councilmember Gish agreed they could stay temporarily. Ms. Alexander stated that she supports the City that within the City right-of-way a person cannot just do what they want. She added that she believes the City will do all it can to ensure that the project will go all the way to Kingwood in the future. Ms. Mary Putka of Envision Kalama stated that if the trees are allowed to stay, there should be a contract in place stating they will be removed. Envision Kalama has received phone calls from the donors regarding the trees. They did not donate funds for palm trees, and they don't like them. Ms. Putka added that as a downtown property owner as well, it doesn't seem right that they be allowed to just disobey the rules and get away with it. Mayor Poulsen stated that it would be better if Mr. Carrigg was there to speak for himself. Ms. Putka stated she is offended by Mr. Carrigg's lack of civic cooperation.

B. Dave Calhoun – Garbage on Kress Drive

Mr. Dave Calhoun, 244 Kress Drive, made a request that the City reconsider exempting the homes on Kress Drive from the mandatory garbage service. All three of the homes are at least one half mile from Meeker Drive where the carts have to be placed for pick-up. It is not an easy task to haul the garbage itself or the carts from the individual homes to Meeker especially if you don't have an open truck. It is easier and less expensive to haul the garbage to the dump. It is not practical to provide the service on Kress Drive and should be optional. Mr. Calhoun stated that he has tried for six months to work with the system, but it doesn't work. Several of the Councilmembers acknowledged an understanding of the problems. Mayor Poulsen stated that the only way that this could be accomplished is to amend the City's code to allow for some kind of exception. This could be due to distance or access issues. It will have to be equitable in its application to all areas and citizens. Waste Control has been contacted and they are not able or willing to go up Kress Drive to provide service. It is an unpaved private drive. Mr. Dave Bourdage who also lives on Kress Drive supported Mr. Calhoun's request. City staff was instructed to look at the Waste Control contract and the code to determine if an exemption could be amended into the City's code.

C. Kristine Fitzpatrick – Chamber of Commerce – Heritage Days

Kristine Fitzpatrick, Board member of the Chamber of Commerce, brought the Council up-to-date on the plans for the upcoming Heritage Days/Days of Discovery event. The Chamber is working on the portion of the events that will take place downtown which will include a street fair all weekend and a street dance and beer garden on Friday night. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that the downtown business owners are showing support for the event. The Friday night activities will be at the north end of town, closing the street on one block between Ivy and Kingwood. Mayor Poulsen noted that the beer garden will have to be held on private property and not the street. The dance will be open to everyone. Ms. Fitzpatrick added that Amtrak will be making a stop in Kalama on that Saturday as well. The committee is working with the historical museum to provide photos and create a historical walk through Kalama. They are working on all forms of advertising for the event including the local papers, radio stations, posters, and flyers. The radio station may include a live broadcast from the street dance on Friday. The Chamber has received a tourism grant to help with the event. It will be placed before the Chamber to approve the expenditure of \$2500 toward the event at the next meeting. Ms. Fitzpatrick requested the City donate \$2000 toward the event advertising as well. Mayor Poulsen stated that there have been issues with the event in the past with how the funds were handled, so the City has some reservations about contributing. If the Chamber is handling the funding, this may help to resolve the issue. Ms. Fitzpatrick stated that the Chamber would be handling all the funds for their portion of the event separate from the Days event. Several Councilmembers supported the idea provided the Chamber had control of the funds. Mayor Poulsen stated that the City would donate the funds, but that a written agreement

will be prepared prior to making a final decision. A draft agreement will be completed prior to the next meeting.

D. Jim Bain – Relay for Life Fundraiser

Mr. Jim Bain a Kalama resident, informed the Council of the Bunco Party fundraiser for the Kalama United Relay for Life team to be held this Saturday at the School. He encourage everyone to sign up.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Adopt the Master Facilities Plan

This is the final result of the facility study and was provided to the Council for review at the Town Hall meeting. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli stated that at the Town Hall he was somewhat caught off guard when the new options were presented. These were options that came out of the review process and really weren't presented prior to the meeting. Mayor Poulsen noted that the Town Hall was a good meeting, but he was disappointed that more people did not attend. The City's buildings belong to the citizens, and they need to take ownership. They will always be public facilities. The only way that the City has to raise the funds is through taxes which comes back to the citizens. Over the next nine to ten months the citizens will get a chance to see what the costs are and what designs are being considered so they can decide if they will buy into it and approve a bond. There will need to be a good campaign to explain why it is needed and the consequences if we don't provide for the future. Kimm Alexander, a local business owner thanked the City for the Town Hall. It was very informative. She encouraged other citizens to join in and help to build the future for Kalama.

Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council adopt/approve the Master Facilities Plan as completed to be used in planning for the future facilities needs. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

B. Facilities Bond – How to Proceed

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibellistated that at the Town Hall meeting it was noted that several years ago the Kelso School District hired a consultant after a failed bond election, and with their help the bond passed at the next election. The focus was on what would happen if the bond failed more than just what the bond would fund. It was suggested that the City look at hiring a marketer or consultant to do this. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel informed the Council that they need to tread easy as there are some state laws that govern campaigns and have some limitations on what the City can do. The State Auditor may also have some concerns with funds spent on marketing. He will check further into the statutes and get back to the Mayor.

Citizen Jim Dickey suggested the Council get more public input prior to looking at marketing a bond. He also suggested other ways for the City to look at funding. They could set up a fund for donations, sell bricks or palm trees, or name the elevator for a company that makes a large donation. These would be alternatives to putting out a bond. The City needs to get the message out to more people. Mayor Poulsen stated the City will need to hold another town hall as well as attend local meetings and do surveys to get more information out. He thanked Mr. Dickey for his great ideas.

C. Grind Repave & Restripe Downtown – Award

Councilmember Bud Gish had discussed this with Director of Public Works Carl McCrary and informed the Council that the bid received from Lakeside is only good through July 31, 2008. After that the asphalt costs will go up each month increasing the project cost. Councilmember Gish and Mr. McCrary met with the contractor, and they would be able to complete the job by the end of July if the bid is awarded. The Council will need to take action to avoid the price increase. The work will be done at night in order to cause as little disruption to downtown as possible. This is the work to correct the striping problem downtown. They will grind down the striped areas and then re-blacktop the street. Then they will restripe it. The City has kept a portion of the retainage in a settlement with Landis & Landis along with the interest that will cover most of the cost of the grinding and repaving. The City will have to cover the cost of the striping. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion the City Council accept the bid by Lakeside Industries in the amount of \$61,445 for grinding and repaving N. First Street. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Gish added that Mr. McCrary has also requested the Council be aware of where they think the handicapped parking places should be in the downtown area.

D. Police Station Temporary Location

Police Chief Bruce Hall stated he has started researching options for a temporary location of the police station due to the problems with the building. The location is still questionable, but he is looking at the Community Building; spaces for lease; and modular buildings. He will analyze the options and the costs and bring it back to the Council in the near future.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resignation of Planning Commissioner Melissa Albrecht

Mayor Poulsen noted the resignation of long-time Commissioner Melissa Albrecht, adding that he is sorry to see her leave the Commission. The position will be posted for applications. Mr. Jim Dickey, noted that City Planner Justin Erickson will also be leaving. Clerk/Treasurer confirmed that Planner Erickson is leaving in mid-August to take a director's position in Oklahoma. He will be greatly missed. A

replacement will be in place by the time he leaves.

B. Resignation of P& R Advisory Committee member – Deston Denniston

Mayor Poulsen noted the resignation of Mr. Deston Denniston from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. This opening will be posted as well.

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1219 – An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington repealing Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 5.24 Vehicles for Hire and adopting a new code Chapter 5.24 Vehicles for Hire

Ordinance No. 1219 was read by title. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the City adopt Ordinance No. 1219 as read. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded. Ms. Paloma Grant, Kalama Cab owner, asked about the ordinance. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster assured her this was the ordinance that had been given to Ms. Grant for review. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson noted that several sections dealing with the background checks are very thorough. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1221 - An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington granting a non-exclusive 13- year communication franchise to Cascade Networks, Inc. for the construction, operation, and maintenance of cable and telecommunications services within the City limits.

Ordinance No 1221 was read by title. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1221 as read. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

C. Ordinance No. 1222 - An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Municipal Code Section 16.02.060 Fees to set out a payment schedule for the application fees and reimbursable costs associated with Preliminary Plats, Construction Drawings and Final Plat Applications.

Ordinance No. 1222 was read by title. Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1222 as read. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. Notice of Elected Officials Training – July 21st @ 7pm – Winlock, WA

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that this would be good training for the Councilmembers to attend.

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 reported the police dog had worked on a call with the State Patrol regard a rolling meth lab.
- E. Councilmember Donald Purvis noted the Gates grant the Library is applying for provided they can provide the matching funds.
- F. Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary was absent.
- B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported that over the weekend the King of Jordan came through Kalama along with the necessary security. He added that the City will be hosting a stage of a Poker Run on Saturday. There may be as many as 200 motorcyclists coming through town.
- C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported that Kalama's official population is now 2475. She added that the City received a refund on premiums for 2004 from the AWC Retro programs which handles Labor & Industry claims. Ms. McMaster providd the monthly and quarterly treasurer reports for review. She informed the Council that the State Auditors will be here on July 28th for about two weeks.
- 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 the minutes of the July 2, 2008 City Council meeting and the minutes of the July 8, 2008 Town Hall Council meeting. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 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