

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2008**

1. OPENING

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 6:03 p.m. This meeting was originally scheduled for December 17, 2008, but was cancelled and rescheduled due to bad weather.

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 Council would be going into executive session to discuss a litigation issue for about 10 minutes. The meeting resumed at 6:15 p.m.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2009 Budget and 2009-2014 Capital Facilities Plan - Continued Hearing

Mayor Poulsen re-opened the hearing on the 2009 Budget and 2009-2014 Capital Facilities Plan. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that the final 2009 budget total is \$7,626,220.00 which includes an adjustment to the Street Fund for the final payment on the Downtown Project which will not be made before the end of the year. Mayor Poulsen stated that this has been the hardest year for putting together a budget, and it will need to be reviewed periodically and adjusted as necessary. He thanked the Department Heads for their diligence in working to balance the budget. There were no public comments. Mayor Poulsen closed the hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

A. Kalama citizen, Jim Bain informed the Council that the Kalama Relay for Life team would be holding a meeting on Friday at 7 a.m. for anyone that wishes to participate. The annual event will be held on August 8, 2009. He also noted that the LCC classes at the Community Building are beginning the next round, and registration needs to take place this week or some of the classes will be canceled.

Mr. Bain then addressed the Council regarding the City's Master Facilities Plan and a possible alternative site and plan for the "city complex" idea. He presented a rough drawing in which the current City Hall and the neighboring property to the north were utilized to provide buildings for the City Hall, Police and Library. He wanted to get the City Council's support for this idea, as the property to the north is currently for sale. Mayor Poulsen pointed out that this is really not a good time to discuss moving forward with developing a complex or requesting funding through a levy due to the economic conditions of the entire country. The City has had to work at developing a budget that will work and is hopeful that the estimated revenues will be realized, so there is no way the City could pull together funds for purchasing a site. He also noted that Mr. Bain is not authorized to do any negotiating on the City's behalf as this will be done by a City representative. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli noted that if you just start with the basics, taking the concept, it could be something that is worth looking into. Utilizing the existing site is a good idea and one that had not been presented before in this way. Several other Councilmembers agreed that the concept is one that should be considered. Councilmember Bud Gish noted that while the concept is good and preserving the old building is preferred, the problem is going to be the money and the timing. They cannot expect the property owners to wait until the City can get the funding, which would be difficult in this economy. If the property owners want to sell the property immediately, the City would probably not be able to purchase it. Mr. Bain noted that he believed by preserving the old building this concept would be less expensive, and it would be easier to sell to the public in asking for a bond levy to fund the project. He believes that with the funds that could be received by selling the old police building, the City could enter into an agreement to purchase the property in question.

The Council were interested in the design and concept, but were concerned with the financial issues. They would like to get more public input before they make any decisions. Police Chief Bruce Hall noted that this plan would need to be analyzed just like all the options that were included in the adopted plan. The consultant used on the plan could possibly do a feasibility analysis for a fee. Since the property houses a store and gas pumps, there would be an issue of environmental clean up to the site also. Councilmember Adam Smee noted that they had spent funds earlier on the Blue Sky Building which was found to not be adequate, but he was reluctant to spend additional funds without knowing more. He also asked what funds the City might have. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that the Capital Improvement funds will be reduced

to approximately \$74,000 at the end of 2009 in order to complete the temporary Police Department relocation and perform the maintenance on the City Hall building. It was suggested that the City see what a feasibility study would cost on this concept.

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion that the City Council consider this concept plan and move forward by investigating the cost of a feasibility study. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded noting that this is not a commitment to spend any money at this time. Mayor Poulsen asked the property owners who were present in the audience if they realize that this process could take months before the City would be able to make any kind of decision or enter into negotiations for possibly purchasing the property.

They have every right to consider any other offers they may receive during this time. The motion carried and Chief Hall was asked to contact the consultant, Rob Barrantine, for a cost estimate to evaluate this proposal. Mayor Poulsen asked the property owners to keep the City informed of the progress on the sale of the property.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Award Chemical Bids

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary explained the City had received two bids for diatomaceous earth (DE) for the water plant. The low bidder supplies a type of DE that has caused some problems in the past, but they have assured Carl that they will meet the specifications. He is recommending the City accept the low bids. Council member Bud Gish made a motion the City Council award the 2009 chemical bids to the low bidders as follows: Diatomaceous earth at .38/pound to Cascade Columbia Distribution; Sodium Hypochlorite at \$2.671/gallon to Univar; Sodium Hydroxide at \$3.505/gallon to Univar; and Sodium Fluoride at .765/pound to Cascade Columbia Distribution. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson seconded. Councilmember Don Purvis asked if we have to accept the low bid if the City has had problems with the product. If the product doesn't work will the City have to advertise for new bids? City Attorney Paul Brachvogel stated that the City would not have to re-advertise, and the bidder is obligated to meet the specifications of the bid. The motion carried.

B. Appointments to Various Boards, Committees and Commissions

Mayor Poulsen noted that he would be making the following appointments:

To the Kalama Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee he

will appoint Josi LaRoy to fill the position vacated by Deston Denniston - 2009-2011, appoint Matthew Price to fill the position to be vacated by Melissa Hopkins- 2009-2012 and re-appoint Shirley Lowman and Todd Waldo to additional terms - 2009 - 2012;

To the Kalama Planning Commission he will appoint Joy Harris to fill the vacant position 2009 - 2010 and re-appoint Jeremy Somoyge to an additional term - 2009- 2013;

To the Kalama Civil Service Commission he will re-appoint Peggy Brindle to an additional term - 2008 - 2014; and

To the Kalama Library Board he will reappoint Ben Purvis to an additional term - 2009 - 2014

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council approve the Mayor's appointment of Josi LaRoy (2009-2011) and Matthew Price (2009-2012) to the Kalama Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, the reappointment of Shirley Lowman and Todd Waldo to the Parks Committee, the appointment of Joy Harris to the Planning Commission (2009-2010), the reappointment of Jeremy Somoyge to the Planning Commission, the reappointment of Peggy Brindle to the Civil Service Commission, and the reappointment of Ben Purvis to the Library Board. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried. It was clarified that the shorter terms were because the appointee would be filling a partial term.

C. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Offender Services Agreement with the County

Police Chief Bruce Hall explained that this is a service the City needs and doesn't have a lot of costs associated with it. This is the program that provides community service workers within the City. Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Offender services agreement with the County for 2009. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

D. Approve the Appointment of District Court Judges and Judges Pro Tem

Councilmember Adam Smee made a motion the City Council approve the appointment of the Judges and Judges Pro Tem for 2009. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 1229 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KALAMA approving and adopting the budget for the CITY OF KALAMA for

the calendar year 2009 in the amount of \$7,626,220.00 and the Capital Facilities Plan for years 2009 through 2014.

Ordinance No. 1229 was read by title. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1229 as read. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

It was noted that the budget includes the property tax levy set at \$1.75 per 1000 of valuation. This would only change to be in compliance with the legal limitations, and the County would take this action.

B. Ordinance No. 1230 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kalama increasing charges for water services to customers outside the City Limits to meet the needs of providing services and the cost of improvements to the water system by amending Kalama Municipal Code Section 12.12.010

Ordinance No. 1230 was read by title. Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1230 as read. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

C. Ordinance No. 1231 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kalama increasing charges for the base meter fees and metered consumption rates for sewer collections to meet the needs of providing services and the cost of improvements to the sewer system by amending Kalama Municipal Code Section 12.08.011.

Ordinance No. 1231 was read by Title. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1231 as read. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen commended the City Public Work's crew for working through the holidays removing snow so the citizens could get out when necessary. They are a very dedicated department.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee had no report, but noted that Kalama is very lucky in that it is full of good neighbors.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report, but also told of how citizens were out helping others during the bad weather.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson added that a letter of appreciation should be sent to the four-wheeler with the scraper that was out clearing the downtown sidewalks. The Council and Mayor agreed.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis asked if the list on the agenda were the 2009 appointments. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster explained that the review of appointments would be at the next meeting.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary noted the passing of City employee Woody Woodard and that it was hard to lose such a good and dedicated employee as well as a fine person.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported that Officer Traub is at the Academy. He also reported on a drug bust that was made by the dog and the department. It included a vehicle and over \$4000 in cash. The new building is progressing but was stalled by the weather. Chief Hall added that one of the patrol vehicles was damaged in an accident during the snow, and it is being repaired as soon as possible.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster provided the November Treasurer's report.

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 December 3, 2008 City Council meeting. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:35p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

Pete Poulsen - Mayor

Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer