

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2009**

1. OPENING

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

A. Flag Salute

Mayor Pete 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 - No executive session was held.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

A. Add Resolution No. 526 to the Agenda

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

A. Cowlitz County Commissioner Kathleen Johnson addressed the Council to personally invite them to the Cowlitz County Summit to be held on March 25, 2009 at 6pm at the Expo Center. (Letter of invitation is under correspondence.) All cities are being invited with the purpose to look at the local economic conditions and how all are working to deliver the necessary and discretionary services to the taxpayers. The County is acting as host and providing a facilitator. The Commissioners would like to have 3 elected officials from each entity to attend and sit on the panel, but all are invited including department heads and staff. The discussion will look at many things including the possibility of combining or merging some services that could be discontinued or cut back. Mayor Poulsen noted that he will be out of town at a work conference and would be unable to attend. He requested Councilmembers Adam Smee, Chuck Hutchinson and Bud Gish attend: and they agreed.

Mayor Poulsen asked what the scope of the meeting would be. Commissioner Johnson noted they will be using information they received from a County to the north as a template which included a

survey of what services are available throughout the County. The purpose will be how to help in all the communities by looking for the strengths, but also looking at downsizing government might be possible. The schools, fire plus other smaller districts will not be included in the discussion at this time. She will see if the information can be posted to the County's website prior to the meeting. The recent cooperative efforts that happened during the storms are good examples of what the County would like to see.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CAP Bus Stop

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary informed the Council that the proposed site near the Post Office will be too close to the crosswalk at that location. His recommendation is to place it on Elm Street at Toteff Park. Councilmember Bud Gish suggested it be placed across the street from the Post Office in front of the Burger Bar. The Toteff Park site would eliminate two parking spots in that area. There is a restroom and benches already at the location. It provides for close access to the retirement apartments and the Housing Authority. Mr. McCrary requested this be held to the next meeting until he could meet with the Chief Hall and discuss the site with the CAP staff.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorize Mayor to sign FEMA Agreements and designate Applicant Agents.

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary explained this is paperwork and agreements for the City to request funding under the January flood disaster declaration. In the past the City has appointed Mr. McCrary as the City's agent to act on its behalf to execute the paperwork. The Clerk/Treasurer has been appointed as the alternate. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that since the December snow storm has now been declared a disaster as well, the Council could include that event in the motion as well so that it would not have to be revisited. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the agreements with FEMA for the January 2009 Severe Winter Storm event, and the December Snow Storm and appoint Director of Public Works Carl McCrary as the applicant agent and Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster as the alternate to act on the City's behalf for obtaining the FEMA disaster funding. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 526 – A Resolution of the City of Kalama, Washington declaring a 20 ft by 20 ft parcel of property formerly used for the demolished Confer Road Reservoir and authorizing disposal in the City of Kalama's best interest.

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster read the resolution by title. She explained that this is

the piece of property that the Council had agreed to sell at the last Council meeting. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary added that the purchaser has also been requested to complete the paperwork and cover the costs of recording. Councilmember Adam Smee made a motion the City Council adopt Resolution No. 526 as read. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Invitation to the Government Summit - March 25, 2009

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported that he and the City staff are working hard to understand the Stimulus package and what the City can apply for. The Downtown Streetscape project is one of the top five for funding under the transportation programs. He has been in contact with Congressman Baird's office regarding the COPS funding. This may be available to help the City keep from having to lay off its newest officer. There are funds that may be available for other items including some for the City buildings as well.

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 he had attended the Envision Kalama meeting and they are still considering the design costs proposed by Jim Bain.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary reported that the trees had been taken down today. It was interesting to watch the work. Cowlitz PUD agreed to take the trees down, and the City crew did some of the cleanup. This will not cost the City anything so there will be no impact on the property owner. Any charges would have had to be a lien against the property owner, and the City would have been on hold to receive the payment for a long time. Mr. McCrary explained he had submitted the Military Road sidewalk and Meeker Drive sidewalk projects as well as the Downtown Streetscape project for funding under the stimulus package.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported that the Court Administrator informed him that the City is now receiving more fees from the defendants than it was in the past. The new prosecutor Fred Johnson would like to come and talk with the Council at the next meeting as well. New County Judge Evans is working on funding a mental health court to

help the county and cities deal with these individuals that are in the communities.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster provided the Council with the February Treasurer's Report. She pointed out that the Street Fund is still struggling to cover its costs but the General Fund is holding its own. The City did receive enough sales tax revenue in February to cover the transfers to the Library and Streets. We will see what March brings.

Ms. McMaster also asked if Envision Kalama could use the City Council Chambers on April 18th as a part of their benefit for the Library. It could be done provided that there is someone from the City available to monitor the usage. She added that FOLK was wondering if a decision could be made as to the waiver of the fees for their events at the Community Building. Mayor Poulsen explained that they have been looking at the operating expenses of the building and he believes that we have to be able to at least cover the utility costs. He will be calling a meeting within the next month and will invite all the organizations that use the building on a regular basis. Councilmember Hutchinson noted his son works with HVAC and would be willing to take a look at the Community Building for some evaluation of the heating system.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

13. CONSENT AGENDA -

Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers Totaling 88,962.87, Payroll Vouchers totaling \$131,766.64 and the City Council minutes of February 18, 2009. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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