

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2009**

**1. OPENING**

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers present were Adam Smee, Chuck Hutchinson, Don Purvis, and Bud Gish. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli was absent. City staff present were Police Chief Bruce Hall, Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen and Acting Deputy Clerk Sue Seay. 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 - None**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Mary Putka distributed pictured postcard invitations to the Councilmembers. Photographer Dan Roberts, a local resident, will have a show on October 20, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. His photographs will be on display and some will be available for purchase. There will be refreshments and the proceeds will go to benefit the Library.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment to the DOT Agreement for the STP Funds for the Downtown First Street Project Phase 2.**

Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson moved that the City Council accept \$224,000 in Rural Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grant funds for North First Street Phase 2 and authorize the Mayor to sign WSDOT Local Agency Agreement Supplement Number LA-6923. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.

**B. 2010 Draft Budget**

A budget workshop was set for October 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Authorize Mayor to sign the 2009-2010 contract for Safe Schools Grant.**

Police Chief Bruce Hall explained that this is a 4-year \$9,000-a-year grant. It is currently in the third year. A plan has been developed with the principals of the school. The funds will allow officers and the canine unit to go up and interact with the students. It will also fund officer presence at football games and dances. It is possible the grant may continue for a fifth year.

Councilmember Bud Gish moved that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Safe Schools grant contract for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

### **B. Authorize Mayor to sign AWC Grant Documents**

This is a grant for \$1,000 for the cost of five lighted barricades. Councilmember Don Purvis moved that the City Council accept \$1,000 in AWC RMSA grant funds for purchasing lighted traffic barricades and authorize the Mayor to sign the Loss Control Grant Confirmation. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

### **C. Consider and Award the Bid for the 2 Million Gallon Reservoir Ceiling Repainting**

The bids received for repainting the ceiling of the 2 million gallon reservoir were about double the engineering estimate. Engineer Mike Johnson from Gray Osborne explained to the Council that the engineering estimate had missed the mark for a couple of reasons. The ceiling is the hardest part to paint, resulting in lower production, and the tank will need to be cleaned and disinfected. Also there is a narrow window during which the work needs to be completed. The estimate did not take into consideration the difficulty of painting only the ceiling. When an entire tank is painted, the costs are spread out over the entire project.

Specifications were supplied to eight contractors from mrscoasters.org. Six contractors showed up for the walk through and three submitted bids. Mike indicated the three contractors who bid on the project are ones he typically sees for reservoir painting projects. HCI did a project in South Bend and the references have been checked. Western Industrial did a project in Cathlamet and Long Painting has done work for other Gray & Osborne customers. Mike would feel comfortable working with any of these contractors. Taking into consideration the time frame and requirements of the job, Mike is not sure what could be done differently that would result in lower bids.

Councilmember Smee asked if tank corroding is an issue if the project was not done. Mike said the longer the project is delayed, the more corrosion will occur. He said the tank cover is the most susceptible to corrosion. Councilmember Gish pointed out the current problem of the paint peeling and dropping into the tank. Councilmember Purvis asked what the life expectancy is of the work and was told 15-30 years. Mike

Johnson indicated the current problem is a premature failure, probably the result of surface preparation deficiencies. However, after ten years there are probably no warranty remedies available. In order to prevent a similar situation, Gray & Osborne is suggesting a full-time inspector on the project. Councilmember Hutchinson asked to be provided with the credentials of the inspector and Mike indicated he would supply this information.

The proposed work would have a two-year warranty, which is standard in the industry. Mike indicated that if problems were going to show up it would probably be seen within one to two years. Right now 30%-50% has peeled or is peeling. Mayor Pete Poulsen stated there are two ways to look at the project - public health and safety has to be considered as well as the wear and tear issue. Even if the project was re-bid, the results would probably be the same.

Citizen Jim Dickey pointed out that if \$64,800 has been set aside for the project, the remainder will have to come out of increased water and sewer rates. Mr. Dickey reminded the Council what it is like to pay \$5 per 100 cubic feet of sewer. Mr. Dickey was informed there would probably be increased rates regardless of whether or not this project was done.

Councilmember Bud Gish moved that the City Council award the contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with HCI Industrial and Marine Coatings, Inc. to paint the ceiling in the 2 million gallon reservoir for \$121,540.65. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.

**D. 2 Million Gallon Reservoir Ceiling Repainting Construction Management - G & O**

Councilmember Adam Smee moved that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the 2009-2010 General Engineering Services Project Amendment No. 4 for the amount not to exceed \$11,993. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

**9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Resolution No. 537 - Signatory Authority of City**

Mayor Poulsen indicated it was recently discovered the City needed to establish signatory authority and that is the purpose of the resolution currently before the Council. Acting Deputy Clerk Sue Seay read Resolution 537 by title. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson moved the City adopt Resolution No. 537. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

## **11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBER'S REPORTS**

**A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen reported he had been working with Carl McCrary, Bruce Hall, and the Kalama School regarding crosswalk safety. A crosswalk accident occurred the first day of school. As a result, preventive measures have been put into place, such as increasing the number of crossing guards and providing some training. Chief Hall has found a grant for \$6,000 that will cover the cost of two LED crosswalk safety warning signs. They are solar powered and push-button activated. The lights will provide increased visibility of the crosswalk and will be available during all hours, including football games and other special events at the school.

**B.** Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.

**C.** Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli was absent.

**D.** Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson stated he was seeing good things come out of the Embrace Kalama group as well as the Chamber.

**E.** Councilmember Donald Purvis reported he had attended a joint entity meeting on tourism. Although it is in the initial planning stages, under consideration is pooling tourism money. The Council of Governments is drafting a letter of understanding. Mayor Pete Poulsen indicated he would be opposed to sending the City's precious tourism dollars anywhere. Councilmember Don Purvis indicated he had also attended a health advisory meeting. The swine flu shots and nasal spray should be available within the next week or so.

Mayor Poulsen indicated the Cowlitz Historical Quarterly has an interesting article on the Spanish flu. It also has information regarding the Moab family that people will find interesting.

**F.** Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

## **12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A.** Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen indicated the sidewalk project is going fairly well and is on schedule. They are keeping overruns to a minimum and sticking to the plans. West side curbs could be poured on Monday, weather permitting.

**B.** Police Chief Bruce Hall reported Officer Cody Traub is now on days and Sergeant Steve Parker is on nights.

**C.** Acting Deputy Clerk Sue Seay reported Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster was attending a conference. The Council was informed that comments received at the front desk indicated people like the format of the new bills and the fact return envelopes are included.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers Totaling \$91,819.84, Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$115,661.91, City Council meeting minutes of September 16, 2009, minutes of the City Council Workshop of September 30, 2009, and to set the Public Hearing on 2010 Revenues for November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded, and the motion carried.*

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Sue Seay - Acting Deputy Clerk**