

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2010**

1. OPENING

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

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. 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

A. State of WA Dept. of Health - Water Operator of the Year - Carl McCrary

Mayor Poulsen announced that at a reception held just before the meeting Director of Public Works Carl McCrary was awarded "Water Operator of the Year" by the Washington State Department of Health. The City also received an AWWA award for the "Best Tasting Water" in the Lower Columbia Subsection.

B. National Police Week May 9 - 15, 2010 - Proclamation

Cowlitz County Chaplain Steve White thanked the Mayor and Council for their current and past support of Police Week. He noted the Washington officers lost in the line of duty during 2009 emphasizing the effects on the surviving family members. He also noted that across the country 59 officers have lost their lives in 2010. Mayor Poulsen read the proclamation and authorized the City's flags to be flown at half-mast on May 15, 2010.

C. Public Works Week - May 16 - 22, 2010 - Proclamation

Mayor Poulsen read the proclamation making May 16- 22nd "Public Works Week" in honor of our public works department.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

A. Barbara Howe - Outdoor Burning

Ms. Barbara Howe addressed the Council with her concerns regarding outdoor burning within the City limits. In the residential

areas there are close quarters, and with the wind blowing the smoke is bothersome to the neighbors. There is also a hazard from embers blowing into the trees and onto neighboring properties. Ms. Howe is concerned with the health effects and safety of allowing burning inside the City limits. Kalama is the only city in Cowlitz County that still allows outdoor burning within the City limits. Ms. Howe asked the Council to consider passing an ordinance that would prohibit outdoor burning within the City limits. Mayor Poulsen and several Councilmembers agreed this is something they would consider. It was also noted that the State and County have regulations on outdoor burning, and these are enforced by Southwest Air Quality Control. Mayor Poulsen stated the current code would be researched and options provided to possibly address the health and safety concerns.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Regional STP Funding For First Street Phase 2

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary informed the Council that the City has received additional funding from the Surface Transportation Program to cover the additional costs for the First Street Project Phase 2 in the amount of \$150,000.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported he has authorized the City offices to close for a couple of days to get the painting and carpeting completed.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee noted the upcoming County Summit and encourage the Council to attend.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli reported the downtown design code committee has put together a draft for review by City Planner Matt Hermen. Once he has reviewed it, the draft can be forwarded on to the Planning Commission or back to the Committee for additional input. The plan does not focus on the historic aspects of buildings except for infill, but heavily covers the maintenance of the existing buildings. Enforcement of the code will need to be addressed. The draft will be sent on to the City Planner. Mayor Poulsen thanked Dominic and Councilmember Don Purvis for the speedy work on this project.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson reported the evidence safe is the last item left to complete the Police Station. It should be moved in the near future. He added that there are several prospective new businesses looking at opening, including a "survival

bunker” shop, and a bike shop. It was noted that a fitness center is also looking to open and had contacted the City about the Police Building.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis commented that he appreciated all the work from the committee on the downtown design project.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish reported he had attended the Chamber meeting. The advertising for promoting Kalama was discussed.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented a written report.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall updated the Council on the Safe School Grant. They will hire a temporary officer through August to act as a School Resource Officer. There will be a summer program for ages 8 to 16. He has met with the Guild and it appears that they are in agreement as well. The Substance Abuse Coalition met and will meet again on May 17, 2010.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster provided the monthly Treasurer’s Report. She asked the Council for input about selecting the paint for the outside of the City Hall. She has a paint chart from the architect to look at. Councilmember Ciancibelli offered to take some photos of the building and using a computer program he can “paint” the building to show what the colors will look like with the brick.

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 \$62,973.46, Payroll Vouchers totaling \$67,545.72, and the City Council minutes of April 21, 2010. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:38 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