

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 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 Dominic Ciancibelli, Chuck Hutchinson, Don Purvis, and Bud Gish. Councilmember Adam Smee was absent. 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 for 25 minutes to discuss litigation issues. At 7:25 p.m. the session was extended an additional 10 minutes. The regular meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A. Maul Foster Alongi Proposal** - Tabled to future meeting
- B. Ordinance No. 1259** - Chief Bruce Hall requested this be tabled to a future meeting.

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

- A. Oath of Office for Officer Michael Powell**

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster administered the Oath of Officer to Officer Powell. Officer Powell will be working through a grant on a summer youth program in connection with the school.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Six-Year Street Improvement Plan - 2011- 2016**

Mayor Poulsen opened the public hearing. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented the plan and review all the projects. Different sources of funding have been applied for to complete the first three listed projects which are the Military Road sidewalk, Old Pacific Highway pavement preservation, and Phase 2 of the rehabilitation of Meeker Drive. None of the projects are funded at this time, and some of the funding may be difficult to get. There is only \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the street fund at this time so getting funding will be necessary. The City is hoping to complete the sidewalks on Meeker Drive before the end of 2010 which will be funded by federal grant funds. There were no questions from the public or Council. Mayor Poulsen closed the hearing.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

A. Ms. Jammie Skinner, 171 N. 2nd Street, addressed the Council regarding several issues. First she noted the local sports programs were being operated ineffectively with the kids not learning about the games and certain kids receiving special considerations. Ms. Skinner stated that she had some issues with the school regarding her son having been "lost," and also they need to address bullying. Ms. Skinner continued that she also is being harassed by the Police Department and they are not being responsive to her. She claimed they had denied her access to 911 and that the police have too much power in Kalama. Ms. Skinner also expressed interest in the open Housing Authority Board position. Mayor Poulsen noted that he cannot comment on issues regarding the police. It was also noted that the City has no authority regarding the local schools.

B. Housing Authority Issue

Ms. Janet Preheim read a letter to the Council in which she complained about the way the current Housing Authority Board is operating and the disrespect they are showing to her and the other residents of the complex when they ask questions or try to participate in the meetings. She alleged that the Board is not operating in a professional manner or running appropriately. She asked about the workshop the Mayor had proposed holding back in May and when it would be held. Mayor Poulsen responded that the workshop is still planned, but these things take time. He has a meeting set for Friday with individuals to help get the workshop set up. He absolutely agrees no one should be treated disrespectfully, and he will be addressing the issues as soon as he has all the information he needs to take action. It is a complex situation. There are limitations on the power he has over the Housing Board and certain steps he has to follow in order to take any action. Up until the last few months, the Housing Authority appeared to be operating efficiently and the City had heard no complaints. Since the complaints have come, he has been making inquiries to gather information so that he can address the issues appropriately. The workshop will be held so the issues can be addressed. Everyone will be invited to participate. It will need to be an orderly meeting. Ms. Kaye Purtteman a former employee of the Housing Authority noted that they have received a 100% rating from HUD for the past 5 years, and only recently have there been issues. Mayor Poulsen asked the many residents present to have patience. He is working at addressing the issues, but it is a slow process. He believes that the Housing Authority is a vital function in the community, and it is important to address the problems adequately. It was noted that the residents do have the option of forming a residents' committee to bring issues to the Board. Housing Authority Board Member Doug Sessions confirmed that some of the disrespectful remarks had been made by the Chairman. It was noted that one of the problems at the Housing Authority is regarding personnel and this cannot be discussed publicly. Several procedures required at meetings were discussed such as attendance and recording of the minutes. A question was raised regarding the old growth tree that was cut down. The Board requested the tree be removed, and Director of Public Works McCrary had it cut down. The wood was given

to an elderly low income resident. Mayor Poulsen assured all present that they will be notified of the workshop once it is scheduled, and he is working to address all the concerns that have been raised.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Safe School Grant

Chief Bruce Hall explained this is grant is associated with school safety and helping kids in the community. The City has received \$9000 each year and has carried over much of the funding. The funds will be used for a summer program for kids in the third through the ninth grades. It will be a Junior Police Academy. It will run for 8 weeks on Monday through Thursday afternoons. If successful they may do it again next year. The plan is to target the higher risk kids and older kids that will be the future leaders. Chief Hall will be approaching the civic organizations in town for support for scholarships and other items.

B. Downtown First Street Improvements Phase 2 - Change Order No. 5

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary explained that due to the depth of the existing telephone lines in places along First Street the design of the footings for the street lights had to be redone. This created larger base requirements for the lights which led to an increase in the costs. He and the engineers recommend approving the change order. The cost will be covered by the additional federal funding the City has received. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson made a motion the City Council approve Change Order #5. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded. It was asked if there were any outstanding change orders. Mr. McCrary noted there are two more being negotiated at this time. The motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1260 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City Of Kalama, Washington, amending Chapter 14 of Kalama Municipal Code by adopting the 2006 Editions of the International Fire Code Appendices B, C, and D.

Ordinance No. 1260 was read by title. Clerk/Treasurer noted that the appendices were attached as part of the ordinance. They address issues regarding fire control and not those related to outside burning. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1260 as read. Councilmember Ciancibelli seconded.

Director of Public Works asked if they specific amendments to the appendices needed to be included in the motion. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel stated that as attachments to the ordinances it would not be necessary. The motion carried.

- B Ordinance No. 1259** - An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Ordinance No. 1103 which established Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 9.30 Park Code Of Conduct.

Tabled to a future meeting.

- C. Resolution No. 549** - Adopting the Six-Year Street Plan 2011-2016

Resolution No. 549 adopting the Six-year Street Plan for 2011 - 2016 was read by title. Councilmember Bud Gish made a motion the Council adopt Resolution No. 549 as read. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

- A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen had no report.

- B.** Councilmember Adam Smea was absent.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli reported he and Councilmember Purvis had met with City Planner Matt Hermen regarding the commercial design standards. Mr. Hermen will now focus on the code revisions and developing examples for use by the public.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson reported he will be working with the Lions to help with scholarships for the Junior Police Academy. He also noted that the local swim program headed by Carolyn Reynoldson has been completely filled and funded.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis noted that the "Big Mac" was reported in the paper to have been a good learning experience. This was a simulated mass casualty incident used to test first responders.

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

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary provided a written report. He noted the water quality reports had been hand delivered to the apartments and multi-unit home in the City. The wet weather is keeping the crew from starting on several projects. Mr. McCrary also noted that crewman Gary Griggs has passed his Water Operator 1 test.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported that a couple of the officers had participated in the Big Mac exercise, and the overtime will be covered by a grant. Chief Hall added that over the weekend they had confiscated a dog that had bitten five people. After it is

quarantined the dog will be euthanized.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that the bills to be approved tonight include the City's annual loan payments, so that is why they are over \$500,000. There are copies of the Annual Report available for review. She added that they are also waiting for good weather to get started on the City Hall roof.

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 Claims Vouchers Totaling \$558,035.08, Payroll Vouchers totaling \$49,735.63 and the City Council minutes of June 2, 2010. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Poulsen announced there would be an additional executive session regarding litigation for 10 minutes. At 9:13 p.m. an additional 5 minutes was requested. At 9:18 p.m. an additional 5 minutes was requested. The meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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