

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2016**

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 Mike Truesdell, Dominic Ciancibelli, Mike Dennis Langham, Rosemary Brinson Siipola, and Mary Putka. City staff present were City Administrator Adam Smee, Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, Officer Cody Traub and Police Chief Randy Gibson (arrived 7:25pm). City Attorney Erin Hillier was also present. 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 - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Police Vehicle Purchase – Surplus Dodge Charger

City Administrator Adam Smee explained that the 2008 Dodge was purchased used in 2012 to fill the needs at that time and until last year had not required a great deal of maintenance. In 2015 and early 2016 the costs for maintenance have increased to a level where the City is spending more that it would cost for a new vehicle. There is \$17,000 in the police vehicle reserve, and the estimated salvage value of the Dodge would be \$8000. The cost of new vehicle completely outfitted is estimated at around \$40 to 45,000, so the remainder would be borrowed from the General Fund reserve. The current loan will be paid off in May or June. Councilmember Ciancibelli asked how many miles are the cars driven a year. One of the vehicles is shared by two officers so it gets about 34-35,000 miles a year which estimates about a 3 year life span while the others run about 15-18,000 miles annually with a life of 5 to 7 years. It is usual to replace a vehicle at about 100,000 miles which provides a better resale value. The vehicle will be purchased off the state bid and will be a Ford Interceptor which is the most popular with police departments. Warranty is for 36,000 miles or 3 years and drivetrain is 7 years or 100,000 miles. Councilmember Rosemary Siipola made a motion to authorize the Police to purchase a new vehicle as outlined in the proposal. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded and the motion carried.

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1376 – Aggressive Solicitations and Panhandling – Roadway Safety

Ordinance No. 1376 was read by Title: An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington adopting a new chapter to the Kalama Municipal Code 9.75 Regulations on Solicitation in order to protect and assure the safety of the public. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1376 as read. Councilmember Mike Truesdell seconded. Councilmember Mary Putka asked if the signs that went up would be changed to include the ordinance wording about aggressive panhandling and reference the Ordinance or Code section. City Administrator Adam Smee noted he did not believe there would be any changes to the signs as their purpose was to be informational. Mr. Mike Phillips of 188 S. Second Street, voiced his opposition to the passage of the ordinance on two points, the first being that it is a constitutional issue of free speech. This could lead to prohibiting such things as door-to-door sales, kids cookie/candy sales or a Fire Department “fill the boot” event. His other issue is that it isn’t proper to criminalize poor people, as they must be in dire straits to find it necessary to be on a street corner. He requested the City not enact the Ordinance. City Administrator Adam Smee and Councilmembers Dominic Ciancibelli and Mike Truesdell explained that safety issues at intersections are one of the reasons for passing and it targets “aggressive” behavior not the Scouts selling cookies. Mr. Phillips stated he felt this could be subjective. It was explained that officers do and will use discretion depending on the situations. Mayor Poulsen and Councilmember Mary Putka both noted that they have never seen or been approached by panhandler locally. Mayor Poulsen indicated he is not sure the ordinance is necessary just because other jurisdictions are passing similar ordinances. City Attorney Erin Hillier explained that the ordinance was drafted carefully to address the aggressive actions which has been upheld in state courts and will not violate any constitutional free speech rights. This will provide the police a tool to deal early on rather than have to wait until it escalates to a disorderly conduct or malicious mischief violation. It is not to address passive activities such as fund raising. Police Chief Randy Gibson suffering from laryngitis, explained the Department is trying to be proactive with the public safety issue to avoid traffic injuries. Also people don’t have right to “aggressive” behavior. Office Cody Traub continued for the Chief, that they have dealt with one incident but it had to lead to a near assault in order for the officer to be able to act. The Department’s usual course of action is to address the party, find out what they need, and get them to where those services are available. They are not going to penalize people as the general rule. Councilmember Putka noted that if the aggressive wording is included on the signs, it could discourage people to come to Kalama thinking it is a large problem here. It was explained that the current signs are informational only and will not change to reflect the ordinance if passed. Officer Traub noted that the officers try to educate the public and get them to the services they need. He added that they posted information on the Department’s facebook page and have received favorable responses. City Attorney Hillier noted that if signage is an issue Council could address that at another meeting. Mr. Ron Madderra of 5400 Meeker Drive #77 stated that he works in Vancouver and has seen panhandlers cross in front of vehicles creating dangerous situations. He suggested that the terms be defined clearly. He was provided a copy of the definitions included in the Ordinance. The motion carried with 5 in favor.

B. Resolution No. 635 – Surplus Police Dodge Charger

Resolution No. 635 was read by Title: A Resolution of the City of Kalama, Washington declaring the 2008 Dodge Charger Police Vehicle Surplus and authorizing disposal in the City of Kalama’s best interest. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion the City adopt Resolution No. 635 as read. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR’S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen had no report.

B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli reported he had a brief meeting with Kelly.

D. Councilmember Mike Langham reported that the 911 Council is holding an open house at the 911 Center on April 12 between 2 and 4 pm. The annual COG meeting has been rescheduled to April 21, 2016.

E. Councilmember Rosemary Siipola had no report.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka had no report, but asked about the Library Bookmobile. The bookmobile has been delivered and is currently out at the warehouse. The Library staff is working to put the books in place and once the electricity is available at the old City Hall it will be moved and opened.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator Adam Smee stated that at the close of March the City is running tight, but is healthy. The first half of property taxes will be received at the end of April and in May which will improve the bottom line. The City has received \$100,000 from the insurance which is the first payment on the amounts insurance has projected for the Police building and the City Hall/Library. They are reviewing the claim information on the contents. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster has been working on the claim information and those for FEMA. Administrator Smee continued that the request for proposal for the Economic Revitalization Plan is out as well as the request for qualification for architects for the Library and Police Buildings. He is looking at the insurance funds to help address the budget needs. Performance Abatement Services was the low bidder on the asbestos abatement at the bank renovation. We are currently in the 10-day waiting period of the permit and work is expected to begin next week. Administrator Smee reported on the Joint Entity meeting held last week nothing that McMenamins will be locating in the central Port District in the near future. He added that he has been appointed to the Small City Advisory Committee and will attend a meeting on April 26th. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli asked about the loss of records from the flood and how the City addresses keeping their records, whether it is all hardcopies or out in the cloud. Administrator Smee noted that when he attend a class put on by the State they didn’t like the “cloud” as it did not provide a lot of direct control and could still be

lost. It was noted that 22 boxes of records were dried after the flood. Also, at the new City Hall there is a new filing system in the old bank vault which will provide better organization of the City's records.

B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen presented a written report. He noted the downtown street cleanup has been completed. He plans to focus on the parks and downtown this summer to make the town "pop." He added that he has been working with a contractor to develop a bid to submit for approval to TIB to retrofit the City's street lights under a 100% grant. It is hoped this will cut the electric costs by 50%. The crew did some logging of some older trees off of Cedar Street last week. Superintendent Rasmussen noted that he will be hiring his seasonal employees as soon as possible.

C. Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report. Officer Traub reviewed the items dealing with contraband at the school and explained the accident involving the Kalama police car. Officer Taylor was aiding in a Kelso pursuit when he hit water and hydroplaned and flipped the car on its side. He was uninjured and the car is being repaired.

D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster provided the end of March Cash and Investment reports and the first quarter Treasurer's report showing where all the departments are at this time. She noted that the costs of the flood are estimated at this time at about \$640,000 which is less than the preliminary amounts sent to FEMA. She will be submitting the claims to the insurance and FEMA to recoup most of the costs. The bookmobile will be up and running as soon as the electrical is available at the building. The Finance staff is working on keeping operations running smoothly.

E. City Attorney Erin Hillier had no report, but noted that she would like to come spend a day and get up to speed on issues the City is facing.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including:

1. Claim and Payroll warrants 35990-36053 and ACH transactions of \$27,780.86 totaling \$164,496.13 and
2. Minutes of the March 16, 2016 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the recording for this meeting is available for review upon request.

Pete Poulsen - Mayor

Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer