

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2011**

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 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. Children's Justice and Advocacy Center Presentation -
Kristen Mendez/Sue Baur**

Cowlitz County Prosecutor Sue Baur introduced Kristen Mendez of the Children's Justice and Advocacy Center – CJAC. Ms. Mendez explained what the Center is and does for the communities throughout the County. It helps abused children and their families by providing a safe place for them to be interviewed as well as resources to help them and the family to deal with all the issues. It's a comfortable, friendly atmosphere to hold interviews and victims don't feel threatened. Cases are referred to the Center through either law enforcement or Child Protective Services. The services can help in prosecuting cases and getting convictions. Ms. Baur noted the Center was started with a grant and is operating on a shoestring budget. They have received monies from the County and the City of Longview. They have also held fund raisers. Mayor Poulsen noted that had the City received a funding request during the budget process, support would have been given. The 2011 budget has been set and is pretty tight at this time. He requested that information be provided so that during the next budget cycle, it could be given proper consideration. Ms. Baur indicated that she would like to request an annual appropriation of \$3000 from Kalama. Police Chief Bruce Hall stated that over the years the City has had cases where they have had to hire outside services for interviewing children which have probably cost this much or more if you include staff overtime. During 2010 Kalama has had the services of the Center and not incurred any costs. The Council requested to be kept informed through the Chief and promised to look for any available funding.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Bud Gish noted that he has been receiving citizen complaints regarding log trucks on China Garden Road and their jake brakes. He knows these are very loud as he has been woken them as well at 6 am. Chief Bruce Hall noted that if the brakes are unmuffled, state law allows the driver to be cited and there is a \$250 fine. If they are muffled, there may be little that can be done. Councilmember Gish asked about a noise ordinance and if the jake brakes can be prohibited. Chief Hall noted that with the hills, it could be a safety issue to prohibit their use. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that a noise ordinance has been drafted but not passed by the City Council. She will review it and do some additional research on noise issues and get it back to the Council for review. There was some discussion regarding using decibel reading devices including costs and alternative public disturbance ordinances in other jurisdictions. Chief Hall will have the department in the area and contact some of the drivers. It was suggested that the company doing the logging also be contacted. The trucks could go south and out to the freeway rather than through town or they can slow down and use their regular breaks. Chief Hall stated he will monitor and report back to the Council on the situation. Councilmember Gish noted that if the issued can't be addressed any other way, then he will push to prohibit jake brakes in the City.

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1266 - Sign Code Revisions

Ordinance No. 1266 was read by Title - An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington adopting new and updated Zoning Regulations for signs by amending Kalama Municipal Code Chapters 17.08.310 and 17.38. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1266 as read by the City Clerk. Councilmember Bud Gish seconded. Ms. Ann Foster commented that she believes any sign or action that businesses in town can take to bring in more business to Kalama, should be allowed. Prohibiting signs would not help business. It was noted that this is a code revision and does not prohibit signs, but regulates them so they do not become nuisances. Ms. Foster asked about how the changes were decided. The process over the last year by the Planning Commission was explained including the joint workshop held at the last meeting. It was noted that once Ms. Foster has a chance to read the entire document, she will see that it doesn't prohibit signs or limit businesses ability to advertise. The motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

- A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen had no report.
- B.** Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.
- C.** Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

D. Councilmember Chuck Hutchinson reported he would moving the safe he has in storage to the Police Evidence room next week.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported the Parks Committee had met and are looking at the pathways and trails for mapping. He also noted that the Civil Service Commission had held the Oral Board interviews for the Police Officer applicants. The list has been certified and Chief Hall is reviewing it and moving forward with the process.

F. Councilmember Bud Gish had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary was absent. A written report was submitted.

B. Police Chief Bruce Hall reported that Kalama officers were in attendance at Rainer Chief Painter's funeral last week. They will also attend Deputy Anderson's on Friday. He noted that he thinks there are some good candidates on the hiring list.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported the Housing Authority has provided information request by the Council. She is still reviewing it and it will be presented on the next agenda. Ms. McMaster noted that the bills for Council approval tonight include the annual insurance of \$117,000, payments to the contractor on the Meeker Drive project, and other annual payments due at this time of year which is why the large amount of over \$220,000.00.

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 \$220,582.28, Payroll Vouchers totaling \$45,183.87, the minutes of Joint City Council/Planning Commission workshop of January 4 2011, and the minutes of the City Council meeting of January 4, 2011. Councilmember Don Purvis 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 tape can be made available for listening.

Pete Poulsen - Mayor

Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer