

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 4, 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, Mike Dennis Langham, Rosemary Brinson Siipola, and Mary Putka. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli was absent. City staff present were City Administrator Adam Smee, Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Chief Randy Gibson. 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

A. Proclamation – National Police Week

Mayor Poulsen read the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 15-21, 2016 as National Police Week in honor of the Kalama Police Officers and all law enforcement officers across the country. Flags are to be flown at half-mast on May 16. Chaplain Tom Hahn with Cowlitz County thanked the Mayor and Council. He informed the Council of the statistics and how the deaths have increased due to firearm use across the country. He has responded to calls in Woodland when Kalama officers act as backup and has concerns with the lack of coverage during these periods. He encouraged the City to look at increasing resources for the police department as the City grows. Chief Gibson stated that he is proud to be an officer and serving Kalama. He and the officers appreciate the support from the Mayor and Council and the community which they feel every day. Mayor Poulsen noted that he and the Council feel the same way about the department. Mr. Ron Madderra 5400 Meeker stated that the County Tea Party organization supports all local law enforcement and he personally appreciates the Kalama presence out at the Columbia Terrace Estates.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported on the move of City Hall which started to and will keep the meeting short. He reported on the meeting last week with AWC and Lewis county cities who are facing many challenges. Compared to some of their issues, Kalama is doing pretty well.

B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli was absent.

D. Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

E. Councilmember Rosemary Siipola had no report.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka noted the Daily News article on Louise and bookmobile.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator Adam Smee reported he is making progress with the City Hall and the offices are getting up and running to open on Monday. He noted he did a walk-through of the old building with the architect. He is trying to find the drawings from 96 and has the concept drawing of the Library layout to provide to the architect. The budget will be tight. There are some concerns with the floor slope. The two sides of the building have different heights with Library lower than the City Hall. He did discover there was more space above ceiling which may help with site lines. The stakeholders will have a chance to be involved once some preliminary ideas have been developed. He projects it will be the end of year before it is complete.

B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen presented a written report. The crew attended a Department of Health fluoride class, learning that the State is lowering the amount of fluoride required to be put in water due to natural occurring fluoride. The repaired waterlines on Confer Road and Modrow Road. Everyone helped to get the City Hall offices moved along with the corrections crew. Kelly has been working with WSDOT to find the best location for making the crossing at the Toteff Road. This is a difficult area mostly all rock and they are reconfiguring the crossing. He and Gray and Osborne met with a drilling company to get some ideas. He has continued to work with JL Patterson and Associates on the stormwater issues near the Oak street off ramp due to the third rail project.

C. Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report. This was a fairly slow period with routine issues. Not included on the report was an arrest tonight for a reckless driving incident. He also noted that the Council may be able to use Police wifi for Council meetings in the future.

D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported that April is closed and presented the Treasurer's report. She thanked Adam, Kelly and everyone for the help with the City Hall project and noted that it has been a challenge, but will be great once completed.

E. City Attorney Erin Hillier informed the Council she had attended the annual conference and received a lot of good information on new case law regarding signage, property seizures, and public records laws.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claim and Payroll warrants 36113-36168 and ACH transactions of \$24,545.14 for April 2016 for a grand total of \$152,444.96
2. Minutes of the April 20, 2016 City Council Meeting
3. Approve the Mayor's reappointment of Dan Ohall to the Mosquito Control Board.

Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

Kalama Citizen Jim Bain invited everyone to either join the Kalama United team or contribute for the August 13 Relay for Life in support of the local Cancer Society.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:34 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