

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 18, 2012**

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, Mike Dennis Langham, Don Purvis, and Mary Putka. City staff present were Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Chief Randy Gibson. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was also in attendance. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

Fourth Street Reconstruction Project – Prior to the meeting, an open house meeting was held to review the plans for the improvements on Fourth Street. This allowed the residents to discuss concerns with the engineers designing the project. Due to the interest, the Mayor allowed the open house to continue into the meeting time. At 7:12 p.m. the regular meeting agenda was resumed.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. Police Department Award of Merit

On behalf of the City, Police Chief Randy Gibson presented Mr. Tom Merz with a certificate for outstanding service to the community. During a ride-along with Kalama Officer Cody Traub, Mr. Merz, a US Marine, stepped in to help Officer Traub. Officer Traub was being attacked by a suspect while subduing another suspect. Mr. Merz' actions prevented serious injuries to Officer Traub and/or the suspects. The Kalama officers also presented Mr. Merz with a gift certificate, thanking him for his actions.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

A. Kalama Safe Community Coalition

Ms. Tina Day presented a letter to the Mayor and Council from the Coalition stating their opposition to the allowing of any type of business that involves substances that are illegal and/or unhealthy for the City's youth, notably the recent proposed marijuana dispensary. The Coalition's main goal is to promote an atmosphere to encourage drug-free and healthy choices. It was noted that the proposed dispensary has decided to leave Kalama after not being

granted a business license. There is a strong resolve to not allow such activities in Kalama.

A. Tobie Crocker

Ms. Tobie Crocker requested the Council and City support the upcoming event for keeping the Youth alcohol free on April 26, 2012 at the Kalama School Auditorium. She provided posters for posting.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Elm Street Underpass Pedestrian Improvements Supplement Agreement #2 for Construction Management with Gray & Osborne

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary explained that the project includes federal funds which require the design engineering and construction management be approved in phases. The design has been completed, and construction should begin soon.

Councilmember Adam Smee made a motion the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Supplemental Agreement Number 2 with Gray & Osborne for construction management of the Elm Street Accessibility Underpass Pedestrian Improvements Project for a sum not to exceed \$11,000. Councilmember Mary Putka seconded, and the motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1287 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kalama, Washington, making certain findings in connection with a public hearing regarding a moratorium previously adopted. Ordinance No. 1287 was read by Title. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1287 as read. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded. It was asked that the findings included in the Ordinance be read into the record. This was done. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1288 - An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 5.04.090 Issuance of License to expand the legal compliance to include all local, state and federal laws. Ordinance No. 1288 was read by Title. Councilmember Adam Smee made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1288 as read. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 573 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kalama establishing Drug-Free Zones for areas 1000 feet from public gathering places, youth oriented facilities and schools. Resolution No. 573 was read by title, and the areas that would be drug-free zones were also read. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the City Council adopt Resolution No 573 as read. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel noted that this is establishing a policy for the City. Chief Gibson added that by doing so, it provides some deterrents

to drug activity with the sentencing enhancements that will now be available to the City. It was asked if in-home daycares were included, and they are. The motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported that due to budget constraints, the Council retreat will be held here at City Hall. It is scheduled for April 29, 2012 from 10am to 2pm.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli noted he had heard the replacement trees had been received from Tsugawa's after the letter was sent. Carl confirmed they had been.

D. Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported he had met with several groups discussing drug-free issues. At the recent CARE meeting School Superintendent Jim Sutton noted his appreciation for the Police presence up at the School and the work of the new Chief.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka reported the Chamber is working hard at reestablishing their organization. The Chamber also noted at the recent meeting that they were not in support of the dispensary as had been rumored. She noted the Library has received some funding to help get the website up and running. Ms. Putka informed the Council of concerns with parking near the Community Building for the Word Catcher event plus the event being held simultaneously at the Methodist Church. She had discussed this with Carl who came up with a plan for closing the one block of Second Street between Elm and Fir for the day to traffic but allowing event parking only on the east side of the street.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented a written report. He added to the discussion of event parking near the Community Building requesting to be allowed some discretion in using this revision for special events or large funerals when necessary. The Council raised no objections. Mr. McCrary asked the Council about setting another open house for the Fourth Street project prior to the next meeting. He confirmed with the engineers, that they could be ready in that amount of time. This will help to expedite the project to get it completed by the first of September. An open house will be held on May 2, 2012 at 6pm.

B. Police Chief Randy Gibson provided the two-week statistical report. He noted that dispensary applicant was stopped first from doing a garden by the moratorium and then by denying the business license to the dispensary. Chief Gibson reported that his department would be involved in two upcoming events: the Kress Lake Safety Day and the

Crime Victim's Rights and Awareness Fair. Mayor Poulsen asked about the upcoming National Night Out event in August. Officer Cody Traub explained it would be on August 7th. The event is like a block party with a barbeque to encourage healthy life styles including crime prevention awareness.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported her department had been working on many items: the denial of the business license, annual reports and surveys, shoreline and floodplain mapping, research for several items, IT issues, nuisance issues and regular activities. The Parks Committee sent out a survey to get input on what the community would be interested in for classes. So far about 50 have been returned. The utility billing system is smoothing out with many of the issues being resolved in the new software. Ms. McMaster informed the Council that the Housing Authority is back on track. They have improved their rating with HUD and filled all the units on site. They will have more vouchers available in the near future too. She added that the voucher correction included on the consent agenda is only due to the amount being listed wrong on the agenda; and therefore the amount in the motion was incorrect.

D. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers Totaling \$53,180.41, Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$44,288.07, correcting the total of Claims Vouchers approved on April 4, to \$41,549.99 and the City Council minutes of April 4, 2012. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:55 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