

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 16, 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. 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. Alzheimer's Walk - Sally Ousley**

Former Daily News reporter for Kalama Sally Ousley invited all members of the Council to participate in the upcoming Walk to End Alzheimers on September 22, 2012. Ms. Ousley has been caregiver for her mother who has the disease which eats away the brain. It has been difficult watching the decline, as her mother has become a stranger to her. The event is to raise money for research to find a cure for Alzheimers. The walk will be held at Kalama Marina Park, and she hopes all will participate.

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Cowlitz County Solid Waste Management Plan**

Mr. Don Olson, Solid Waste Superintendent Cowlitz County Public Works gave a brief historic overview of the Management Plans since the early 1970's. This current revision has two main components, first of which is in chapter 8 adding the Headquarters Road landfill option. The second is adding updated Hazardous Waste Management Plan to the document as Appendix D. He noted that the County has applied for the permits from the State to use the Headquarters Road site for household waste and signed a purchase agreement for the site. The Plan has been finalized by the Committee; the SEPA has been completed; and now the Plan needs to be adopted by the cities. Councilmember Adam Smee asked what the capacity of the Headquarters site is, and if the tipping rates would increase. Mr. Olson responded there would be 100 plus year capacity. The tipping rates will increase, but that is to happen

even if the new site was not utilized. These rates had been lowered the last time they were adjusted, which was several years ago. Mayor Poulsen thanked Mr. Olson for the information.

**B. Authorize Director of Public Works to Approve Change Orders up to \$8000 on the Military Road Improvement Project.**

Mayor Poulsen and Director of Public Works Carl McCrary explained that this has been authorized on other projects, as it helps to expedite the work and keep the project moving forward. The contractor hit rock on Military Road, which has produced one change order already. Since the construction bids came in below the estimate and the original available funding, the change orders will be covered by the grant funding from TIB. Councilmember Adam Smee made a motion the City Council authorize the Director of Public Works to approve change orders of up to \$8000 on site of the Military Road Pedestrian Improvements Project with the condition that all approved change orders will be reported to the City Council at scheduled Council meetings. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. WWTP Performance Report**

Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented the Council with copies of two reports on the operations of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. One was from 1988 and the other from 2012. Both showed the flows at the plant to be about the same. He believes this is accounted for by the work done on replacing sewer lines to get rid of inflow issues, which offsets for the growth the City has seen since 1988. The new plant is performing well for the City.

**B. Cowlitz County Government Summit - May 23, 2012**

Mayor Poulsen stated he would plan to attend. Councilmembers Adam Smee and Don Purvis also noted they would try to attend.

**9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None**

**A. Resolution No. 574 Adopting Cowlitz County Solid Waste Management Plan**

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster read Resolution No. 574 by Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kalama, Washington adopting the 2011 Cowlitz County Solid Waste Management Plan and Moderate Risk Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the Council adopt Resolution No. 574 as read. Councilmember Mary Putka seconded, and the motion carried.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - No action was taken on any items.**

## **11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS**

**A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen informed the City Council he would like to schedule a joint workshop with the Planning Commission for the second meeting in June. The workshop would be held before the regular meeting at 6pm. The Council agreed this would be a good idea.

**B.** Councilmember Adam Smee reported the contract negotiations with the Teamsters had begun with the trading of proposals. The next meeting will be in June.

**C.** Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli reported the full Public Works Committee had met. They discussed the Military Road project, the Eagle Scout project at Toteff Park by Josh Hopkins, the need for the replacing of the RSG waterline which could be done in conjunction with the RSG storm sewer replacement project, and the possibility of salvaging a section of abandoned waterline in the South Port area. He noted he had intended to attend the Planning Commission meeting regarding the sign code update. Citizen Jim Dickey noted he did attend the Commission meeting and the Commissioners were unsure what exactly they were being asked to do regarding the sign code amendment. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster will check with staff to find out if there were issues needing to be addressed.

**D.** Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

**E.** Councilmember Donald Purvis reported he would be attending the Health Advisory Board meeting next week at which they will discuss the needle exchange program and environmental health issues. Councilmember Purvis asked about the wayfinding signs. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster explained they are at the City Shop to be painted. Public Works staff has been too busy, but a volunteer has offered to complete the painting.

**F.** Councilmember Mary Putka reported the Library would be having their summer reading program for kids called Dream Big this year. . The Police Department will be leading one of the programs. They are also going to do one for the older ages as well called Zombies versus Uniforms.

## **12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A.** Director of Public Works Carl McCrary presented a written report. He noted there was a new rock wall near the Housing Authority constructed as part of the Military Road project. The Elm Street ramps have been installed. There were some issues with the concrete work. The one missing sidewalk panel will be landscaped to offer a buffer from the street. Carl informed the Council the pump at the Ranney Plant had been pulled and should be repaired shortly. He thanked the members of the Council that participated in the water sample collections for testing for lead and copper. Carl added that the RSG waterline would cost about \$50,000 if done in conjunction with the storm water line project RSG will be doing. The City would put the new waterline in the open ditch after RSG installs their piping and then fill the ditch in partnership with RSG. The southern grain elevator owners are doing a project which could allow

the City to access an abandoned piece of waterline that the City may be able to salvage. Carl stated the six-year street plan will be ready for a hearing at the next Council meeting. There are several street projects that have been completed or are under construction, so the plan will be smaller. His office has also been reviewing and commenting on the infrastructure plans for the expansion project at the grain elevator south of town and the Port of Kalama's Interpretive Center/Office Building. The Consumer Confidence reports have been completed and are being sent out. The Fourth Street Project goes out to bid tomorrow, with the opening at 10:30am on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**B.** Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report. He noted a phone scam in the area where they are claiming to be collecting for police agencies. They have found a way to program the caller ID to show the number of the local department, so looks to be legitimate. Two officers are at training this week. Both sessions are local and free. Chief Gibson noted there has been some inquiry from representatives of the applicant for the business license on Fir Street since the lease has not been broken. His response on behalf of the City is that we will not meet to discuss anything that has to do with an illegal activity or other activity that might be related to the original activity.

**C.** Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee put out a survey for input on programs the public might like to see. We have received back about 120 which is a great response. Right now the City is offering a Nerf Soccer class and a free walking group. There is hope for a few more classes in the summer and then the fall. Coni informed the Council the Joint Entity meeting is on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. with the City hosting. She noted that the first meeting for July would fall on July 4<sup>th</sup> so will have to be rescheduled or cancelled. The only issue with cancelling would be approval of the bills to be paid. Coni let the Council know they would be seeing a budget amendment to address items such as the construction of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street project, the police car replacement, the parks and rec program fees, and the RSG waterline replacement. She added that there are funds available in reserves to do the RSG waterline project. Mayor Poulsen noted the waterline is a very old line which is very deep in the ground. Asphalt layers have been added over the years as well, making the access very difficult and costly. This is a great opportunity to fix it, and the City should take advantage of it. The expense has been the issue in not replacing the line sooner.

**D.** City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent.

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including Claims Vouchers totaling \$52,445.58, Payroll Vouchers totaling \$48,173.62 and the City Council minutes of May 2, 2012. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.*

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**