

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 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 Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, 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

Mayor Poulsen noted he would be appointing a new Mayor Pro Tem and is considering Councilmember Don Purvis. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion to appoint Don Purvis as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Adam Smee seconded and the motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. Alzheimer's Proclamation

Mayor Poulsen read the proclamation declaring September as "Walk to End Alzheimer's Month" in Kalama. Ms. Sally Ousley thanked the Mayor and invited all present to join the walk on September 22, 2012 at the Kalama Marine Park.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Sign Code Revisions - Recommendations from Planning Commission

The Planning Commission recommended the Council adopt the code revisions as presented in Ordinance 1298. There were no questions from the Council or the public.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1298 - Sign Code Revisions

Ordinance No. 1298 was read by Title: An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington, relating to zoning and land use, amending Sections 17.38.020, 17.38.040,

17.38.050, 17.38.110 And 17.38.170 of Title 17 of the Kalama Municipal Code. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance 1298 as read. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded. Councilmember Mary Putka clarified that existing signage would not be required to comply until such a time as changes to or replacement of the sign was done. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance No. 1297 - Budget Amendment

Ordinance No. 1297 was read by Title: An Ordinance of the City Of Kalama, Washington amending the 2012 Budget to account for the unanticipated revenues and expenditures for emergency replacement of a police vehicle, upgrade of the financial computer hardware, and funding training period for Public Works Director/City Administrator increasing the budget in the amount of \$57,000. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1297 as read. Councilmember Mary Putka seconded, and the motion carried.

C. Resolution No. 582 - Surplus Police Vehicle

Resolution No. 582 was read by Title: A Resolution of the City of Kalama, Washington declaring the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Patrol vehicle surplus and authorizing disposal in the City of Kalama's best interest. Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council adopt Resolution No. 582 as read. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported the Blues Festival was a successful event with about 600 attending, and over 1000 pounds of food being received for Kalama's Helping Hand. The Kalama Lions reported they raised about \$2900 on the beer garden. There were about 40 volunteers that helped with the event. He noted and Police Chief Randy Gibson agreed that there were no problems at the Festival nor the car show on Sunday.

Mayor Poulsen noted that while he, Director of Public Works Carl McCrary, and Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster were on vacation there was a major failure on a water valve on Elm Street related to the 4th Street Construction project. He commended Assistant Public Works Director Kelly Rasmussen and the entire crew for all their work to get the event under control immediately and then cleaned up. The City lost 500,000 gallons of water. It was noted that the 4th Street contractor, the City of Longview, Mayor Pro Tem Adam Smee, our Police officers, Fire District #5, and some local volunteers also helped. There are still issues with whose insurance will be taking the responsibility for the event. Mayor Poulsen also noted the 4th Street project was slated to be nearly finished by September 4th, but there are still 3 to 4 weeks of work to be completed. He has spoken with School Superintendant James Sutton about the delays. Mr. Sutton was understanding and as long as traffic can be moved along to accommodate the buses and the school traffic, they will be fine.

B. Councilmember Adam Smee reported he was glad the Mayor was back. He

added the Kelly and the crew did a fantastic job of responding and controlling the situation to get the water back on as soon as possible. He noted the office staff also provided support to them. Councilmember Smee announced that at the end of the meeting tonight, he will be stepping down from City Council position 1. Mayor Poulsen stated he has enjoyed working with Adam for the past seven years, noting that he is moving onto a new phase in his career.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli reported he had attended the Planning Commission meeting where the Sign Code hearing was held. His purpose in attending had been to discuss the article he had forwarded to the Commission regarding the project in Cleveland where business and landlords worked together with grant funding to revitalize a deteriorating neighborhood. He felt this would give the Commission something to propose to get the property owners and business owners to participate in the discussions. The Commission is receptive to the idea and will be contacting the Chamber and property owners.

In noting that a couple of downtown buildings were being painted, the Mayor added that he had been approached by someone wanting to put in another marijuana dispensary in one of them. This led to a discussion of the conflicts between state and federal regulations and the ballot measure 502 legalizing marijuana in the state, which will be voted on in November. The consensus of the Council is that as long as any activity is illegal by federal regulations, the City cannot be providing any kind of license or permit for the activity. There would also be concerns with eligibility for federal grant funding.

D. Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis added his kudos to the crew for their efforts during the water emergency. He noted he had been on the panel for the County interviews to fill the position for the new Director of Emergency Management. He informed the Council that the Cowlitz County Historical Museum is hosting a couple of historical programs in the next few months.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka provided announcements for the upcoming Read Kalama event, noting that the books will be available beginning on Monday. The author will be here on October 10, 2012.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen presented a written report. He noted that while Carl has been gone, it has been exciting as he has been thrown into the fire. On the night of Sunday August 26th, there was a callout of a “garbage can floating down First St.” from which they discovered the torrent of water going down Elm Street. The crew responded immediately to turn the water off. The State Department of Health was notified and provided great support in getting the notifications out to the citizens for the boil water advisory by 10 am on Monday morning. By Tuesday that advisory and order was lifted. It was noted that the downtown and north industrial areas were not without water, as the by-pass system in place allowed it to be fed from the looped system on the north end of town. It would have been too difficult to determine all the areas that would be affected and those that

weren't, so the city wide advisory was issued. It was good to know that the systems in place worked well. Kelly continued that now that has all been taken care of, the crew is dealing with pump issues out at the lower and upper Green Mountain Reservoirs. There has been a lot of overtime and the City has been trucking water to keep service to everyone. The residents have been asked to conserve water and have cooperated very well. A new is currently being installed and will hopefully get the system up and running again. Kelly commented that the in spite of all the long hours, the dedicated city crew members are working to get the repairs made as soon as possible. Councilmember Purvis noted that the Elm Street mural is currently being painted and looks good.

B. Police Chief Randy Gibson provided his statistical report for the last 21 days. He noted the City has received the 2008 Dodge Charger and are happy with the purchase so far.

C. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that while she was on vacation the last two weeks, she appreciates all that her staff and the crew did to handle the emergency situations that occurred. She reported she will be getting the 2013 budget documents to the Department Heads next week. Her Department is still dealing with some computer issues so she will get the replacement project going as soon as possible. The Department of Retirement audit is completed, and the Council will be receiving a report in the near future.

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 \$159,744.67, Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$128,055.87, and the City Council minutes of August 15, 2012. Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:05 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