

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 19, 2012**

CITY COUNCIL – INTERVIEWS FOR OPEN COUNCIL POSITION

Mayor Pete Poulsen opened the workshop of the Kalama City Council at 6:14 pm. Councilmembers present were Dominic Ciancibelli, Mike Langham, Don Purvis and Mary Putka. . City staff present were City Administrator Adam Smee, Assistant Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, and Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster. Members in the audience are listed on the sign in sheet.

Mayor Poulsen noted that the City received three good applications for the position. He asked each candidate to tell about themselves and why they wanted to serve on the Council. Councilmember Don Purvis asked each what they thought were Kalama' strengths and weaknesses.

Kevin Wade, 380 N. 3rd Street, stated he has been on the Planning Commission for the last four years and feels he has evolved to want to do more. He has a great interest in the city and how it moves into the future. He has lived in Kalama for six years after raising his family in Longview and then living in Vancouver for a year. He believes he can contribute as a member of the Council. Mr. Wade responded that Kalama's greatest strength is its citizens. He likes the small town environment. He sees the community as caring about maintaining a family environment. He wants to keep that but refine it as the City grows. He likes the Police Department noting that Chief Gibson has improved the way it functions. Problems within the City get addressed by all departments.

Donald VonTunglen, 523 N. 3rd Place, stated he has lived in Kalama for seven years. Over that time he has watched as the businesses have shrunk and not grown. He would hope to change that. He doesn't have any experience on boards. He has worked as an insurance loss control inspector for 25 years. He believes that Kalama being a small town is both its strength and weakness. It is unique and not a copy of others. He believes it should grow but not skyrocket in the next ten years.

Mike Truesdale, 715 Waters Watch Road, stated he is a lifelong resident of Kalama, having completed his education in Kalama schools. During that time he worked 10 years at the Port of Kalama, as a County Deputy Reserve officer for a couple of years. He works in restaurant management currently. He has four kids being raised in the community ages 4 to 19. He feels it is time to give back to the community he lives in. He wants to see the City prosper which doesn't always mean big growth. He is interested in the future as it will affect his family. He appreciates what we have here, but recognizes that we need to bring more to town as well. He was asked how he felt about the new marijuana laws. He responded that he respects the vote of the people, but believes we have to see how the feds will handle the issue, plus set out the policies for policing it as well.

Mayor Poulsen thanked all three for their willingness to serve on Council which does not pay and can be trying at times. The Council will make the appointment during the regular meeting. Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the tape can be made available for listening.

Pete Poulsen - Mayor

Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer