

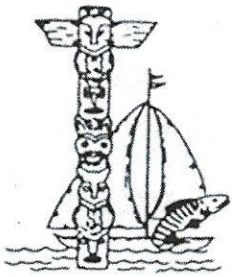
# City of Kalama

320 N. First St.  
Kalama, WA 98625



## City Council Agenda August 16, 2018 @ 7 pm

1. OPENING - Mayor Mike Reuter
  - A. Flag Salute
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Changes to the Agenda
2. EXECUTIVE SESSION
3. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - A.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - A. Cowlitz County Landfill Issue
6. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Teamster Contract Renewal
  - B. Planning Commission Recommendations – Zoning Code Revisions
7. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS
  - A. Ordinance No. 1408 – Zoning Code Revisions
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS
9. CORRESPONDENCE
10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS
  - A. Mayor Mike Reuter
  - B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell - Tourism
  - C. Councilmember Sandra Macias – Finance & Public Works
  - D. Councilmember Mike Langham – Police & 911 Board
  - E. Councilmember Rosemary Siipola – Planning & Economic Development
  - F. Councilmember Mary Putka – Chamber & Tourism



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### 11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. City Administrator Adam Smee
- B. Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen
- C. Police Chief Ralph Herrera
- D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster
- E. City Attorney Sam Satterfield

### 12. CONSENT AGENDA - *I move the City Council approve the consent agenda as presented.*

#### A. Approved for payment are:

Claims and Payroll Warrants #39357-39421 plus ACH/EFT payments for the Month of August in the amount of \$555,302.46

#### B. Approval of Minutes of the August 2, 2018 City Council Meeting

C.

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 14. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2018**

**1. OPENING**

Mayor Mike Reuter opened the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Reuter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmembers present were Sandra Macias Hughes, Mike Dennis Langham, and Mary Putka. Councilmembers Mike Truesdell and Rosemary Brinson Siipola were absent. City staff present were Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Sargent Steve Parker. City Planner John Floyd were also present. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

**2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None**

**3. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS-None**

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION-None**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Cowlitz County Landfill Issue – Removed**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Teamster Contract Renewal**

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster informed the Council that she, City Administrator Adam Smee, Director of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, and Chief Ralph Herrera had worked together for the City in the negotiations with the Teamster unit and had reached an agreement which the union has ratified. She explained that they approached the negotiations with the mindset that the City needs to look at bringing the wages to a level more comparable to the other entities in the area in order to retain our employees. She reviewed all the changes and the adjustments made to the agreement. Pay increases are included through a change in the calculation of longevity pay from a flat rate to a percentage of salary, changes in step levels while including some additional criteria to reach the levels based on certifications, licenses and responsibilities, and 4.5% direct wage increase for 2018. This provides incentives to the employees to take training and move up by taking on responsibilities, which will require to City to work on education and training of its employees, rather than just reward the employees for being here another year. The contract will be for three years with a 4% increase in 2019 and 3.5% increase in 2020. Clerk McMaster noted that she had reviewed the current budget and it appears that budget will be sufficient to meet the pay increases included in the agreement without amendments. She will continue to monitor the budget through the end of the year. She offered to answer any questions.

Ms. Maureen Jenkins asked if the employees would pursuing education on their own



school is proposed to be over 35 feet and some design code doesn't work with the school construction, but the City doesn't have an application. Ms. Jenkins asked if this is what it was when it went to the voters. The School would have to answer that question. School Board member Susan Langham invited Ms. Jenkins to attend the school board meeting to ask her questions. There was a well-attended public hearing on the school project with all the designs presented where people asked all kind of questions on what was happening.

## **8. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Ordinance No. 1408 – Zoning Code Revisions**

Ordinance NO. 1408 was read by Title: An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Municipal Code Chapters 17.18, 17.26, and 17.54 to address issues with institutional building needs and establish flexibility to certain design standards addressing building height and design standards. Councilmember Sandra Macias thanked the Planner and Planning Commission for the detailed and well-presented information. Councilmember Mary Putka moved the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1408 adopting zoning code revisions. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Ms. Maureen Jenkins, Taylor Road resident noted that she used to come meetings but had health issues recently. She worked on the issues with police facility and was glad to see the public get involved, but is sad that the public is not continuing to attend so they can be proactive instead of reactive. Ms. Jenkins stated that she had been part of block watch in the past and dealt with issues of development in her old neighborhood in Oregon. It was a growing community so they did a block party to promote who they are in the community. Kalama did it downtown with the National Night Out. However, she was really appalled by what happened at the meeting downtown when the fire truck and cement truck parked in front of the anti-methanol table. She was hurt and disappointed by what was done. As a former nurse she has seen what pollution back east and in LA has done. She truly believes this is a huge mistake to let happen. She has read all the data and it is her right to give that information to the public.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

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

**A.** Mayor Mike Reuter had no report.

**B.** Councilmember Mike Truesdell was absent.

**C.** Councilmember Sandra Macias reported on the Water line break that happened last week which the crew worked long hours to get it fixed. She realized that citizens like herself may not know that the Public Works has an afterhours emergency number which is listed in the phone book. This will notify dispatch and the employee on call will be notified. This will get posted in the near future to the website and facebook and staff will be doing a newsletter for the end of the month which will include a phone number list that can be posted. During the emergency it was noted that the City should not only put it on facebook. There were

E. City Attorney Sam Satterfield was absent.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Claims and Payroll Warrants #39357-39421 plus ACH/EFT payments for the Month of August in the amount of \$555,302.46 and

Approval of Minutes of the August 2, 2018 City Council Meeting

*Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.*

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Reuter adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the recording for this meeting is available for review upon request.

  
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Mike Reuter - Mayor

  
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Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer



