

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2014**

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 Mike Truesdell (7:04 pm), Dominic Ciancibelli, Mike Dennis Langham, Don Purvis, and Mary Putka. City staff present were City Administrator Adam Smee, Superintendent 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 - None

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. PNWS/AWWA Regional Best Tasting Water – Traveling Award

Jackie Masters, representing the AWWA presented Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen with the Western Regional Award for the best tasting water. The regional awards includes cities from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and California. Now the water will compete in the National completion against the 43 other sections throughout the country.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported he continues to work on the Blues Festival and 125th Anniversary Event which is going well.

B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had not report

D. Councilmember Mike Langham had no report

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported the Kalama Safe Community Coalition will be off for the summer and he has been visiting similar organizations in the County as well.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator Adam Smee informed the City Council that the City of Kalama has won a Governor's Smart Community Award for the Mixed Used Zoning Code the Planning Commission developed along with City Planner Matt Hermen, Port of Kalama staff and planners from Mackenzie. Mayor Poulsen noted his appreciation for all the work that Matt Hermen did to produce the good piece of legislation and is glad to see the recognition. The award will be presented at the AWC conference in Spokane. Adam also reported on the Haydu Park permitting process which is moving forward. With Matt Hermen taking a new position in Clark County, he has contacted Mackenzie to again provide planning services to the City until the COG is able to once again provide services to the City.

B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen provided a written report, noting that the sewer line improvement on Third Street had to be put on hold due to the backhoe break down, but will begin next week. In July the crew will be working on crack sealing in preparation for the chip sealing of several streets. The Elm Street Sidewalk project will also begin next week and should be completed 15 working days after that. The parking areas will be closed but access to the business and residences will be open. Kelly also reported that addresses up on Holly Street and along the south end of Meeker have been corrected to be accurate and more easily found by emergency services.

C. Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report expanding on the one call regarding the transient camp found on the south end of town. With seven tents and two lean-to shelters well hidden in the trees, it could have been occupied by up to nine or more persons. Based on the evidence found they were able to identify many of the occupants and many are persons the department has had contact with numerous times. There was also a referral from the school for a juvenile drug arrest.

D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster presented the May Treasurer's report. She noted the launch of the new website. She also informed the Council of the increase in usage of the on-line bill pay option since the City took on the fees earlier in the year. About 10% of payments are coming in this way and it has decreased the counter traffic resulting in time efficiencies.

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli asked about the work on the property next door to City Hall. City Administrator Adam Smee noted that the City has pursued the issues under the nuisance abatement code, which has had the owner in court to address getting the property cleaned up. The owner has gotten permits and hired a contractor to do the renovation work, so the court has granted him an extension of time to complete the work until July. While improvements are being made, the City is limited on the scope of what they can

require the owner to do, so the building will be cleaned up from the fire damage, but there will not be substantial renovations. The issue of the gas pumps and tanks were discussed and this is an issue that could keep the property from selling as the possibility of having to clean up the site would be an expensive undertaking. The State Department of Ecology will not take any actions at this time, and it is doubtful whether the federal EPA would step in. The City staff will continue to monitor the work.

E. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was absent.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Vouchers Totaling \$27,342.73 for May 2014
2. Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$83,438.27 for May 16-31 2014
3. Minutes of the May 21, 2014 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:40 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