

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 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, Dominic Ciancibelli, Mike Dennis Langham, and Mary Putka. Councilmember Don Purvis was absent. City staff present were City Administrator Adam Smee, Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster, and Police Chief Randy Gibson. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was also in attendance (arrived 7:35pm). 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. Waste Control – Not present

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fluoride – Ballot Measure Committees

City Administrator Adam Smee read the memo from City Attorney Paul Brachvogel (not yet present at the meeting) regarding the issue of whether members of the committees have to be city residents. Mr. Brachvogel could find no statutory authority controlling the appointments of such committees, but noted that based on rules presented by Cowlitz County, the Council needs to affirm the committees at an open meeting. Councilmembers Dominic Ciancibelli and Mary Putka stated their belief that the committees should be made up of inside the city residents as they are the only ones that can vote on the issue. It was pointed out that water is provided to as many residents outside the city as inside, so while the outside users won't have a vote, having them serve on the committee shouldn't matter. It was noted that the Committees being appointed are for writing the statements "for" and "against" the ballot measure for the local voter's pamphlet. If the Council wants to change the recommendations made by staff for the Committees, then the appointments will have to wait so that new persons willing to serve can be contacted. Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the Council make it a platform that members of the committees be City residents. Councilmember Ciancibelli seconded. The vote was two (Councilmembers Ciancibelli and Putka) in favor and two (Councilmembers Truesdell and Langham) against. With a tie vote, Mayor Poulsen voted against the motion, so the motion failed. Councilmember Mike

Truesdell made a motion the City Council of the City of Kalama appoint the recommended committees to draft language for the Voters Pamphlet for the November 4, 2014 Election on Kalama's Water Fluoridation Ballot Measure. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Poulsen read the appointed Committees:

Committee In Favor of Fluoridation of City Water

Lesley Bombardier, Dan Roberts, and Patricia Schallert

Committee Against Fluoridation of City Water

Cheryl Purvis, Pam Whittle, and James Kane

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 609 - Place Advisory Vote on Fluoride on November Ballot.

Resolution No. 609 was read by Title: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Kalama providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Kalama at an election to be held on November 4, 2014 an advisory ballot seeking citizen input regarding the continuation of water fluoridation to the Kalama water supply. Councilmember Mary Putka asked about the one introductory clause "Whereas, the City Council agrees to abide by the will of the voters" and if the Council is bound by the result of the election. The election is not legally binding as it is an advisory vote, but the wording is not unusual for the resolution. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli questioned what the cost of the election would be, as he believes this is not something that should be put out for a vote and wanted to set a limit on the cost. He also suggested that the anti-fluoride people that have put it on the ballot be required to pay for it. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that she checked with the Elections office and the cost will not be great, less than \$1000, which is why it is being put on the November general election ballot. She noted that it is neither the opponents nor the proponents that are putting the issue on the ballot, but the City Council themselves. The Council has ability to make this decision on behalf of the citizens, but in this instance they made the decision to put it before the voters. Mayor Poulsen noted that if the Council is not willing to support the results of the election, whatever that may be, and are concerned with the cost of the election, then he could just call for a vote on the issue now. Councilmember Ciancibelli noted that he didn't believe the public had a problem with fluoride until it was raised by a citizen a few months back. Mayor Poulsen noted that he brought it before the Council and then other citizen's comments were brought up to the Council as well. Councilmember Mike Langham noted that he wants the citizens to decide the issue of whether they want fluoride or not. Councilmember Mike Truesdell stated it will be interesting to see what the public says as it will be additional information to consider. Councilmember Putka made a motion the City Council adopt Resolution No. 609 putting the fluoride issue on the ballot. Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported on his work on the 125th Anniversary celebrations and Blues Festival Events. Both are progressing nicely and volunteers are welcome.

B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report

D. Councilmember Mike Langham informed the Council that the COG is in the process of selecting a new executive director and will hold an open house to meet the candidates on July 7, 2014 at 5pm.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis was absent.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka reported that the summer reading program at the Library is in full swing.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator Adam Smee reported he is participating in the interviews for the COG executive director, and still working with the Port on getting all the permits for the construction of Haydu Park. Adam added that he spoke with investment broker Peter Becker today regarding investing some of the City's reserves. The City has made bond investments in the last two years as part of a plan to build a portfolio to grow the City's reserves at a better rate than currently available at the State Investment Pool which has been way below 1% for many years now. He and Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster are considering a \$250,000 investment.

B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen reported that his crew have been busy and will continue to be busy for the month of July with several projects including chipsealing and the Ranney well cleaning. The Elm Street Sidewalk Improvement project has been substantially completed and the contractor did very well. He received no complaints and the work has been completed timely. Today the crew cleaned up a garbage nuisance at a local address and had the Department of Corrections crew weedeat the tall grass. The crew has been working on the replacement of a bad sewer line on Holly Street and a stormline flooding issue in the alley east of First Street.

C. Police Chief Randy Gibson did not have a statistical report, but noted that J & B Towing has been closed and until they reopen, the Department is using a tow company out of Woodland. The officers also dealt with a liquor shoplifting case at the grocery store.

D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster provided end of June Treasurer's report and the Mid-Year Budgetary Report. At this time there are no concerns with the budget.

E. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Vouchers Totaling for \$63,146.94 for June, 2014
2. Payroll Vouchers Totaling for \$82,379.72 for June 16-30, 2014
3. Minutes of the June 18, 2014 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Mike Langham seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:50 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