

**CITY OF KALAMA  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 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 Don Purvis. Councilmember Mary Putka 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. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet. *(Note: Just after the Mayor's report, it was noticed the recorder had stopped working, so the meeting was only partially recorded.)*

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None**

**4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None**

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Mr. Keith Schulz, representing Kalama Helping Hand thanked the Mayor and Council and the City for the food donation received from the Kalama Blues Festival. They estimated it at 1400 pounds.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Inattentive Driving – Proposed Ordinance**

Police Chief Randy Gibson explained the proposed draft was taken from the City of Auburn to address the issues that are not covered by the State's current cell phone and texting statutes. The State law against texting and driving is very strictly written for texting, not using Facebook, your phone's calendar, reading email, etc and the cell phone law only applies if you are talking on the phone with it up to your ear in your hand. It is also required that an officer observe the activity clearly which can be hard to prove. The next level of offense is negligent driving which carries a fine of over \$500 which then usually will go to a hearing and requires a high degree of proof. The proposed ordinance will allow officers to cite someone involved in an accident when it is clearly apparent by the evidence of the accident that the driver was distracted by something and not watching the road. Many cities in the state have adopted such ordinances. The penalty will be \$250

and a misdemeanor and like all tickets could be challenged in court. The ordinance will be brought back to the Council for passage.

**B. Openings on Planning Commission & Civil Service Commission**

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster informed the Council that she would be posting the openings on the Planning Commission and Civil Service Commission. There is also still one or two open positions on the Parks Committee. It was noted the resignation of Jeremy Somogye from the Planning Commission created that opening. Mr. Somogye has been an asset on the Commission and will be missed.

**9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS - None**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE - None**

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

**A.** Mayor Pete Poulsen reported the Blues Festival on Saturday was a beautiful day along the River. Those that attended had a great time, with great music, good food and drink, and wonderful weather. He thanked the staff including the public works summer help and police officers for their help and commended the high school volunteers that helped with the parking. The only problem was late in the day when the restrooms became out of order, but the porta-potties were still available. It is a lot of work to put the event on by the staff and volunteers.

**B.** Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

**C.** Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

**D.** Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

**E.** Councilmember Donald Purvis provided some information marijuana and e-cigarette's which he feels may require some additional Council action in the future. Councilmember Purvis also reported on his interview with a gentleman doing a story on one of the Hawaiian musicians that performed here at the 2005 Days of Discovery event who recently passed away. There will be a documentary for public television and the City will receive a copy.

**F.** Councilmember Mary Putka was absent.

**12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A.** City Administrator Adam Smee commented that the July budget numbers are completed which show the anticipated expenditures of funds for projects that are being completed this summer. Adam also commented on the information provided at the Joint Entity meeting regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> rail project by the State and BNSF which will be moving forward in the near future. This will bring jobs to the area and hopefully some additional revenues in other areas for the City.

**B.** Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen provided a written report, commenting on the Confer Road leak, the new waterline from Gwynne Road up China Garden, repairs at the water plant, maintenance at the Meeker Drive lift station, and the various street improvements that will be made before the end of summer. He noted that he will be looking at upgrading the analyzers at the water plant in 2015 as they are outdated and parts are no longer available. The street work on Second between Fir and Elm Streets will be a test of a new product that is an alternative to total repaving of a street. Repaving is so expensive that it makes small street improvements cost prohibitive and this process, if it proves reliable, may be an affordable alternative.

**C.** Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report. The only noted item was the egging of one (his) of the police vehicles, but there was no resulting damage.

**D.** Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted her department is working with business as usual. July and Blues Festival are being closed out.

**E.** City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

### **13. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Councilmember Mike Langham made a motion the City Council approve the Consent Agenda including:*

1. Claims Vouchers Totaling \$90,699.07 for July, 2014
2. Claims Vouchers Totaling \$59,838.93 for August, 2014
3. Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$86,486.35 for July 16-31, 2014
4. Minutes of the July 16, 2014 City Council Meeting

*Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.*

### **14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the recording (*Note: Just after the Mayor's report, it was noticed the recorder had stopped working, so the meeting was only partially recorded.*) can be made available for listening.

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**Pete Poulsen - Mayor**

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**Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer**