

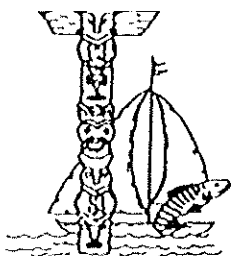
City of Kalama

320 N. First St.
Kalama, WA 98625



City Council Agenda April 16, 2014 @ 7 pm

1. **OPENING** - Mayor Pete Poulsen
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Changes to the Agenda
 - a. Housing Authority Board Appointment postponed to May
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Potential Litigation
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 - A. May as Mental Health Month Proclamation
 - B. Award for Kalama's Water
4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS & CONCERNS**
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Larsen Short Plat – Settlement Agreement
 - B. Water Fluoridation - Should we or Shouldn't we?
 - C. Elm Street Sidewalk – Construction Management G&O
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A.
8. **ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**
 - A. Ordinance No. 1333 – Larsen Short Plat
9. **CORRESPONDENCE**



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10. MAYOR & COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

- A. Mayor Pete Poulsen – Mayor’s Report – Cow Co Tourism
- B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell – Finance Committee
- C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli – Public Works & Planning Committee
- D. Councilmember Mike Langham – Police, COG Board & 911 Board Rep
- E. Councilmember Donald Purvis - Parks, KSCC Rep & Health Board Rep
- F. Councilmember Mary Putka – Library Committee & Chamber Representative

11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. City Administrator Adam Smee
- B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen
- C. Police Chief Randy Gibson
- D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster
- E. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel

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

- A. Approval of Payment of Vouchers
 - 1. Claims Vouchers Totaling \$68,672.28 for April 2014
 - 2. Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$56,895.42 for, April 1-15, 2014
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - 1. Minutes of the April 2, 2014 City Council Meeting
- C. Other Consent Agenda Items
 - 1. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Construction Management Agreement on the Elm Street Sidewalk Project with Gray & Osborne not to exceed \$12,290.00

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF KALAMA

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MEETING Kalama City Council

DATE April 16, 2014

Name	Address	Phone/Email	Do you wish to Speak?	Subject
Dan Roberts	PO Box 1898 Kalama, WA	360-673-3402	Yes	Fluoride
Cheryl Pieren	PO Box 1624	673-4255	YES	Fluoride
BEKI PURVIS	KLTV			
Kimberly Robbins	Child and Adolescent Clinic	577-1771	yes	fluoride
Renny Eussen	2420 NE 20th Ave Vancouver	450-7267	yes	fluoride.
KURT FERRE	3215 NEUS. GRANT PL PORTLAND	503-282-8131 ✓	Yes	fluoride.
Chae Hagnie	1100 State St Hood River OR	243-866-6563 chaymagovge.net	yes	Fluoride
Lesley Bambardeir	496 N. 2nd St.	6735423	yes	Fluoride
Nicole Castomway	501 SE 172nd Ave Vancouver WA	360-397-3537	yes	Fluoride
Ken Schreengost	2217 NE 177th St Ridgely WA 98632	360-859-3466 ✓	yes ✓	Fluoride
Sandy Junky	240 Eli Ave	360-673-1473	NO	Fluoride
Shelley Gunn	2517 7th 117th Vancouver WA	360-550-1011	yes	Fluoride

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DAN OHARA	KALAMA			
Cost McFarland	Kalama			
Pat McFarland	Kalama,			
Jim Kane	Kalama			
Darrell & Pam White	Kalama	360-560-3885	yes	Flouride
NICK MASTERS	"			
Pat Schallert	"			Flouride
Mike Phillips	"			"
Bud Callaghan	Vanc	360-696-9009	NO	Flouride
Jody Callaghan	Vanc	509 696 9809		Flouride
Kathy O'Meara-Wynn	Ridgefield	509-307-8929	yes	FLUORIDATION

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**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 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 (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), 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 Sgt. Steve Parker. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel was also in attendance. Members of the public present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A. Housing Authority Board Appointment postponed to May**
- B. Move Agenda Items 7A and Ordinance No. 1333 up for action immediately after the Executive session**

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Potential Litigation

Mayor Poulsen announced the Council would be going into executive session, but prior to that he wanted to make a statement regarding the fluoride agenda item. He brought this issue up back in January and the City conducted a survey of the residents. That survey indicates that there is a pretty equal divide in those for and those against. Over the last couple of weeks the Council and the staff have been receiving much information regarding the pros and cons of fluoride. So for tonight's meeting he is going to allow 5 speakers on each side of the issue to speak for 3 minutes. The groups could choose their speakers during the executive session. Since much of the information that has been received has been the science or technical information he wants to hear from the residents. This is a Kalama issue, so he is limiting the speakers to be those that are residents of Kalama.

Mayor Poulsen stated the Council would go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an issue of potential litigation. The meeting resumed at 7:13 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ORDINANCE 1333 – out of order

- A. Larsen Short Plat – Settlement Agreement**
- A. Ordinance No. 1333 – Larsen Short Plat**

Land use Attorney Jon Sitkin explained to the Council that he was hired to address the issue of the recorded Larsen Short Plat that was recorded without having met all the requirements for improvements. During the process the original property owner, Mr. Carl McCrary, re-acquired the property back from the plat applicant that recorded the short plat. The settlement reached will void the recorded short plat in its entirety while providing the owner with limited vested rights for short time in the future. Mr. Sitkin noted his appreciation

of Mr. McCrary's help in resolving the issue. To complete the settlement the Council will need to approve the settlement agreement and adopt an ordinance to vacate the plat.

Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1333 an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Kalama, Washington, vacating the Larson Short Plat and Variance, binding properties, and establishing certain vested rights for a defined period. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli seconded, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the City Council approve the Settlement agreement and authorize City Administrator Adam Smee to sign the agreement. Councilmember Mike Truesdell seconded, and the motion carried.

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

A. May as Mental Health Month Proclamation

Mr. Eric Yackovich of Cowlitz County Guidance Association thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition of the serious issues surrounding mental health problems. He noted that the annual Run the Path event will be on May 3rd at Lake Sacagawea in Longview. Mayor Poulsen read the Proclamation naming May as Mental Health Month in Kalama.

B. Award for Kalama's Water

Ms. Jackie Masters, representing the Southwest affiliate of AWWPW Association presented the Kalama Public Works Department with the Southwest award for "Best Tasting Water." She explained that Kalama's water will now go on to compete for the regional award and from there, possibly for the whole country. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen, Field Supervisor Chad Moon, and Crewman Travis Van Skike accepted the award. Superintendent Rasmussen noted that the crew including Crewmembers Travis Buck and Gary Griggs who aren't present, deserve all the credit and recognition.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Water Fluoridation - Should we or Shouldn't we?

City Administrator Adam Smee informed the Mayor that there were concerns from the audience that many had signed up to speak and not everyone knew each other nor which side of the issue they support, so it would be difficult to pick speakers. Mayor Poulsen understood and using the sign-in sheets called on people wishing to speak. He allowed only residents of Kalama to speak on the issue, apologizing several times throughout the process, but adhering to the desire to hear from the residents of Kalama on the issue.

Mr. Dan Roberts of Kalama stated that he is proud of the Kalama community and proud to be a citizen. As a physician and scientist he finds there to be an overwhelming

amount of evidence supporting keeping fluoride in the water to benefit the users. With no evidence of bad effects, other than pseudoscience that distorts statistics he recommends the City continue to fluoridate the water. He would also suggest that the City follow up with dental evaluations to guide future decisions.

Ms. Cheryl Purvis of Kalama stated she is very proud of Kalama's water quality. While there hasn't been a lot of study on the negative effects of fluoridation, the main studies have focused only on tooth decay and physical side effects. Not the mental side effects which are being looked at now. There is more research needed to determine the impacts. As a nurse she views fluoride as medicine and adding it to the water is requiring everyone to have it, while there are many other ways of getting fluoride directly. There are some people that can't tolerate fluoride. Since there is another way to get fluoride, why treat everyone. Later, when some added science was requested, Ms. Purvis read some statistical information connecting the incidents of cancer in areas with fluoridated water.

Ms. Lesley Bombardier of Kalama noted a letter that was sent from Dr. Vines of the Cowlitz County Health Department to the Council stating that fluoridation is an effective dental decay deterrent. There has not been enough of the concerns proven to support having fluoride removed from water supplies. Ms. Bombardier noted her work with a group that helps people to get dental work so they can improve their opportunities for work and lives. She recommends the Council look carefully at the science and research.

Ms. Sandy Junker of Kalama stated that working with children from throughout the County she has seen tooth decay in those as young as 2 to 3 years old. Low income families don't have services for dental work. The Department of Health supports its continuation. She supports keeping fluoride in the water and asked the Council to consider all the information.

Ms. Pam Whittle of Kalama noted that she is a new resident of Kalama and the City does have good water. However she won't continue to drink the water if the fluoride remains in the water. The MSDS sheets state not to consume fluoride and toothpaste also has a warning that if swallowed contact poison control. She recently went to the doctor and asked about fluoride. She has dealt with a thyroid issues for years and fluoride does have an effect. She explained that iodine is an essential element that if depleted can cause serious health issues. Fluoride displaces iodine in the body and the water. Since the lack of fluoride doesn't have any effect on serious health issues and is available through other options, she pleads with the Council to remove it. Having it in the water forces it on everyone without other options.

Mr. Mike Phillips of 188 S. Second Street voiced his support of keeping fluoride in the water. Any chemical can be lethal depending on the dosages. Fluoridation provides benefits to those at the low income levels. He encouraged the Council to base the decisions on the science available.

Mr. Steve Polson of 109 Summit stated that he recently came to Kalama and has spent money to put in a filtration system on his home to remove the fluoride and other elements. He believes that the children need to be supported by the parents with less soda. Fluoride works as a topical treatment but drinking doesn't provide that much benefit. There are concerns with fluoride so the Council should be cautious.

Mr. Jim Kane of Kalama explained that he was looking to move to this area and really liked Kalama. When he heard that they were considering removing fluoride from the water he decided to take a chance and bought the home here instead of in Woodland. He is not trying to support or disprove the science, but he has thyroid issues that are affected by fluoride. Fluoride can also be absorbed through the skin. So while he can drink bottled water, he cannot easily avoid other contact with the water through bathing. Even in the couple of months since moving here, he has noticed a change in his symptoms. Fluoride is a medicine and in the water he is not given a choice as to whether to have it or not and it should be an individual decision. There are studies showing increase in hip fractures in fluoridated areas. Europe doesn't fluoridate its water and it hasn't been shown that they have more dental caries than the US.

Mr. Randy Hahn of Kalama stated that as a young man he was on well water and had dental problems. He worked at the chemical plant for years and any concentrated chemical can be harmful. I would be a shame to not add fluoride to the water. He looked at the toothpaste and how much is in it which is considerably more than in the water.

Ms. Pat Schallert of 188 S Second Street stated that growing up on the east coast where there was no fluoridation she had terrible teeth. She provided fluoride tablets for her children and they all have good teeth. Fluoridation will help kids.

Mayor Poulsen noted that he had started this discussion due to his concerns with putting fluoride in the water which he did for years as a city employee. He does understand the science. He had problem teeth as well. It isn't just fluoride. The original study of fluoride began when a dentist in Colorado had mottling on their teeth but no cavities. He asked retired Kalama dentist Mike Falter if fluoride was all there was would it prevent dental problems. Dr. Falter noted that there is always more than one factor in play. For dental issues there are mainly three – your genes – your environment – and what you do. Fluoride by itself would not cure or prevent dental issues. It does help. He also noted that when he was setting up his practice he would not have located in Kalama had they not been including fluoride in the water. Mayor Poulsen noted that the fluoride issue seems to be the only place where we use the strategy of medicating all to reach one demographic. Is it necessary to subject all of society to fluoride to help the poor children? He noted he has a problem with mass medication especially if it can be harmful to some people's health and there are other options available. As mayor, he doesn't have a vote in this, but does want to do what is best for the community. He understands that many on both sides feel very strongly about the issue, which is also apparent by the inundation of material and information that the City has received.

Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli stated that he didn't believe this would be an issue but after seeing the evidence from the professionals and based on his own families excellent dental history he supports keeping fluoride. Councilmember Mary Putka noted that fluoride is not only helpful for children but also for seniors. Mayor Poulsen noted that it is difficult to find hard science and to figure which science is factual. With there being such a split in the sciences and such a debate, Mayor Poulsen stated that he would not ask the Council to make a decision on the issue. He will ask the Council to put this on the ballot in November and let the citizens make the final decision. Councilmember Mike Langham stated that after

reviewing over 500 pages of information both for and against fluoridation, none of which were conclusive for either side he felt like any decision he would make would be one based on his personal feelings. He doesn't feel he should have to decide whether to force medication on citizens. So he agrees the citizens should vote as it is their water and their community. Councilmember Don Purvis added that the citizens can vote their conscience. He did note that the Hippocratic Oath states "first do no harm." Citizen Lesley Bombardier noted it would be interesting to have this on the ballot, but the Council is elected to be knowledgeable and make decisions on their behalf. Other citizens voiced concerns with the lobbying of uninformed citizens that will happen with an election. There is the ability for both sides to get out and make information available. As the discussion ended, Dr. Mike Falter did comment that the application of fluoride topically is the best application.

C. Elm Street Sidewalk – Construction Management G&O

City Administrator Adam Smee presented the proposal for Construction Management from Gray and Osborne Inc. While the costs seem high for such a small project, it was explained that it is the industry standard and no matter what size of a job the fixed costs remain the same. Adam assured the Council that he had questioned the costs as well. The project is covered by the TIB grant which will cover 95% of the costs. In his conversations with G&O, they indicated that they struggle with these size projects as they realize the fees need to be reasonable, but often they don't see a profit on the small projects. Councilmember Mike Truesdell made a motion the Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the consultant agreement. Councilmember Mary Putka seconded, and the motion carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1333 – Larsen Short Plat – see earlier action.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen had no report

B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli reported he had met with Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen and walked the areas that Public works is looking at for making street improvements. .

D. Councilmember Mike Langham had no report.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis reported the Kalama Safe Schools Coalition is working with the school on a program for May 8th "Remember the Prom" for drug and alcohol awareness and consequences of decisions they make.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka reported the Library fundraiser Word Catcher is on April 26th. She commended the Public Works crew and requested a tour of the water plant.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator Adam Smee had no report

B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen reported that a pressure switch for one of the pump stations was rebuilt and the new city limit and speed limit signs were posted in the newly annexed areas. Kelly informed the Council that Woods Logging Supply honored the warranty on the City's "lemon" lawn mower, providing a newer replacement mower at no cost.

C. Police Sgt. Steve Parker presented the statistical report for the last two weeks.

D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster reported the Chief Randy Gibson was doing okay. She also noted that the City received over \$4000 in online payments for today, so the public is using this option.

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 \$68,672.28 for April 2014
2. Payroll Vouchers Totaling \$56,895.42 for, April 1-15, 2014
3. Minutes of the April 2, 2014 City Council Meeting
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Construction Management Agreement on the Elm Street Sidewalk Project with Gray & Osborne not to exceed \$12,290.00

Councilmember Don Purvis seconded, and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m. These minutes are not verbatim. A copy of the recording can be made available for listening.



Pete Poulsen - Mayor



Coni McMaster - Clerk/Treasurer