

**CITY OF KALAMA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 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.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Poulsen announced an executive session to discuss a Real Estate Purchase and Sale for 20 minutes. At 7:23 pm an additional 15 minutes was requested, and the meeting resumed at 7:35 pm.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

4. PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS - None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS - None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Set a Committee for review of the Water/Sewer Rate Study RFPs

Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster stated the City has received four proposals to be reviewed for the Water/Sewer Rate Study. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli volunteered to be on the Committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance No. 1341 – Amend KMC 9.30.010 Public Park Definition

Ordinance No. 1341 was read by Title: An Ordinance of the City of Kalama, Washington amending Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 9.30.010 Park Code of Conduct – Definitions to update the definition of Public Park. Councilmember Don Purvis made a motion the Council adopt Ordinance No. 1341 as read. Councilmember Mike Langham

seconded. It was explained that the current definition limited enforcement to only the parks owned by the City and didn't include other public parks within the City. This ordinance corrects that. The motion carried.

10. CORRESPONDENCE - None

11. MAYOR'S REPORT & COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor Pete Poulsen reported the committee for the 125th Anniversary Celebration would begin meeting again. Councilmembers Mary Putka and Don Purvis noted they would like to be involved.

B. Councilmember Mike Truesdell had no report.

C. Councilmember Dominic Ciancibelli had no report.

D. Councilmember Mike Langham reported there have been two 911 Board meetings to discuss the budget proposal which included hefty increase to all the county entities. Review is continuing as the proposal was out of proportion.

E. Councilmember Donald Purvis had reported he participated in an MRSC webinar on using Social Media and complying with public records requirements. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster noted that she participated as the City has been considering this, but a policy will have to be adopted before it could be implemented.

F. Councilmember Mary Putka had no report.

12. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. City Administrator Adam Smee informed the Council that the 2015 budget process is moving through the staff process and hearings are being scheduled. He noted the recent articles about several surrounding cities increasing utility rates for all services. Kalama will need to increase rates in the next year once the rate study has been completed.

B. Superintendent of Public Works Kelly Rasmussen presented a written report expanding on several items including the recent paving being completed, running 2 filters at the water plant, the reservoir cleaning, and clearing a plug at the Shopping Center with the new jetter. He noted a recent testing of the emergency systems and alarms at the 2 million gallon reservoir, which drew a question regarding the downtown flood controls and how they are tested. Kelly explained that the pumps are tested monthly and annually the crew reviews how the inflatable dikes work. The railroad project expanding the third rail was discussed briefly focusing on their assurances that they would not block our culvert systems that are using during high water events. Kelly also noted that there have been some pressure issues around Nectarine which has been temporarily addressed by running a little higher pressure in the lines through downtown. He will be discussing the options to correct the problems with the engineers. He also informed the Council of the extension of time only, no funding, needed to close out the Elm Street Sidewalk project which the Mayor signed.

C. Police Chief Randy Gibson presented his statistical report. He noted that with the start of school, they have had a few more incidents of underage alcohol use by students. The one call response had them on the freeway dealing with a 125 mile per hour driver in conjunction with the County. He also explained about the drug "spice" and how it is sold as incense in some locations.

D. Clerk/Treasurer Coni McMaster supported Adam's information that rates will need to be increased in the near future. The City will be going to monthly billing in October for all the homes that have had new meters installed which is over 500.

E. City Attorney Paul Brachvogel had no report.

NEW BUSINESS – OUT OF ORDER

Councilmember Mary Putka made a motion the City Council authorize staff to move forward to secure funding for the purchase of the Heritage Bank Building. Councilmember Mike Truesdell seconded, and the motion carried.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Claims Vouchers totaling \$43,093.87 for September, 2014
2. Payroll Vouchers totaling \$58,393.10 for September 1-15, 2014
3. Minutes of the September 3,, 2014 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Mike Truesdell seconded and the motion carried.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Poulsen adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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