



**CITY COUNCIL  
Special Council Meeting  
Monday, February 23 2015**

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Cassinelli opened the special meeting at 3:30 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Councilmembers: Jon Chambreau, Fred Marshall and Gary Forner. Mayor Cassinelli and City Clerk, Holly Beller.

**C. Pollution Liability Insurance**

1. Kris Lawrence with Propel Insurance presented council with a hand out on Environmental Risk Assessment for Municipalities and Public Entities and examples of municipality environmental claims. The City has already entered into a three year policy for environmental risk associated with the Goulter Sludge Disposal Site Contract at a cost of roughly \$10,500. The City has the option of extending this coverage to all city operations at a cost of about \$25,000 for a one year term, or about \$44,000 for a three year term (less the \$10,500 of the current policy.) It was asked by council what operations are covered and why the policy is necessary for a small municipality.
  - a. Kris Lawrence stated that definition of pollution is “anything not in its natural environment”. Definition has been broadened so much that general liability insurance isn’t as effective.
  - b. Initial assessment will look for any known pre-existing conditions and assess the steps necessary to mitigate these conditions.
  - c. Are we negligent? Was a third party hired? Contractual Obligation? All combined create need for insurance.
  - d. Policy covers liability associated with the polluting activity (including defense) and out of pocket expenses to “right the wrong” or clean up pollution.
2. Additional questions and discussions ensued between council and Kris Lawrence pertaining to old dump sites, chemicals at the Port of Ilwaco, sewer line breaks, etc.

**D. Adjournment:** The special meeting was closed at 3:55 pm.

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Mike Cassinelli, Mayor

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Holly Beller, Deputy City Clerk