Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., April 8, 2008.  Councilmembers present; Huber, Gilmour, Turpin, and Camarata.

Staff present was Police Chief Studer, Public Works Bosch, and Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin   moved to approve the minutes from the March 25, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion.  The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

## ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Gilmour – Ordinance 08-007

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

**Gray & Osborne** – Caribou Creek Bridge Project Pay Estimate #4 for $30,623.44 was presented to Council for approval.  Councilmember Huber moved to approve this pay estimate and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion.  The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Police Department** – Chief Studer explained Officer Shuart is out on a back injury relating to his on the job injury a few years ago and Officer Poole has been covering his shift.

He suggested getting some stop signs put in on 2$^{nd}$ Street with the Operating Engineers Project coming up.  Mayor Arington suggested the two of them go out and take a look at these streets.

**Library Board** – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour explained it is time to update their technology plan for the library which is required every three years.  It is also suggested by the Library Board to have a line item in the budget for technology.  The last plan was for 2005 to 2008.  Councilmember Huber moved to approve this technology plan for 2008 to 2010 and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion.  The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

A surplus list was also presented for approval.  Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion.  The motion passed 4 yes

and 0 no.

There is one Library Board member whose term expires May 31, 2008, Tina Morefield. She would like to continue for another term. It was suggested that the Library Board make a recommendation first to Council.

Friends of the Library will be holding a bake sale June 7th at Super 1 to help support the library.

The Library received the Libri Grant and has sent off their order for 65 new books. The Paul Allen Foundation paid for the Library's matching portion of this grant.
**Public Works Bosch** – Puget Sound Energy will match up to 70% for replacing windows, adding insulation etc. in some of the city buildings.

**Quadco** – We didn't receive the last grant we applied for through Quadco as water/sewer projects weren't allowed, but there is another one through DOT for planning Public Works Bosch would like to apply for.

**Operating Engineer Street Project** – There will be some gravel moved in soon for the Operating Engineer Project for street paving and on April 21st there will be a media day at the request of the Transportation Improvement Board. They would like to tear out Okanogan Street because of the condition of it. There will be a letter distributed to the residents explaining this project will be starting soon.

**Weeds** – Councilmember Huber explained Todd Davis contacted her about a weed issue at the south end of town. He owns an herbicide company that would like to run a test project on this weed area.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Emails** – Mayor Arington suggested that Council reply only to the sender/staff on emails and not forward to all Councilmembers because of the public disclosure laws.

**WWTP Yard Waste Dumping –** Councilmember Gilmour suggested using Larry Jackson, WWTP Operator Howard's assistant, to help monitor the dumping at the yard waste dump and with more limited hours. Councilmember Huber reminded everyone that the reason for this is to keep our city cleaner. Mayor Arington will discuss this with staff and bring it back to Council at the next meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance 08-005– Water/Sewer Annual 2% Rate Increase –** The public hearing was

opened and discussed and the question arose as to why we are having the increase. It was explained that our lending agencies suggest this increase annually to keep up with inflation. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Huber moved to approve ordinance 08-005 and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**Ordinance 08-007– 2008 Budget Amendments** – The public hearing was opened and discussed. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Huber moved to approve ordinance 08-007 and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Councilmember Gilmour –** He explained the traffic is going too fast at the intersection of Spokane Street and 7th. Mayor Arington suggested that he and Chief Studer take a look at this area and possibly put up a 4-way stop.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

**Approval of March Payroll and April Draws –** Checks #7252 to #7266, #883081 to #883097, and #994081 to #994083 for $40,107.71 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gilmour and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Check #994084 was voided.

**Approval of April Bills –** Checks #12445 to #12462 and #990330 to #990331 for $27,550.68 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Camarata and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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## MAYORS REPORT

**2008 Budget Discussion –** Council discussed property tax, building permit, and sales tax revenues. It is too early to speculate much about our budget. Hopefully by the end of June, we will have more information to study. It was suggested the account history on these revenue accounts be given to Council monthly to review.

**WWTP Hiring/Larry Jackson –** Mayor Arington suggested that we should not have hired the WWTP assistant Larry Jackson as a temporary as this is the second employee hired as a temporary in this position.
He suggested Council think about this and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Councilmember Huber explained she believes it is more of a union issue than a state auditor issue. Councilmember Gilmour agreed with the mayor. Today was David Cameron's last day of work as the WWTP Assistant.

**Hourly Employees** – Mayor Arington suggested hourly employees will not attend meetings without being asked to attend by him to keep the overtime down.

**Consent Agenda** – Mayor Arington would like to look into a consent agenda format for our Council Meetings.

## COUNCIL DISCUSSION

**Chamber of Commerce –** Councilmember Turpin is putting together a fact sheet of lower Kittitas County, Thorp to Vantage. He is also talking to the utility companies about the cost to extend utilities.
He will talk to MD Jackson about the 10 acres they are possibly going to develop into retail development.

**Water Rights/Clerf --** Mayor Arington still needs to discuss the Warm Springs Contract with the Clerf's.

**Councilmember Huber –** Councilmember Huber explained the Democratic Party has nominated her for the County Commissioner seat that is vacant. If the County Commissioners approve this, she will have to resign her position as a Councilmember.

**Todd Lopeman** – Mayor Arington explained there is possible litigation with the property Todd Lopeman purchased on south Clark Street because of the location of the water/sewer meter when he purchased this lot. The Randleman's owned the entire land on the southeast side of Clark Street which a mobile home has been situated on since 1984. When they did a boundary line adjustment in 2005, they didn't include the water/sewer hookup's physical location on the same lot as the mobile home that uses this hookup. In 2007 they sold the lot to the south of the mobile home to Todd Lopeman that physically had this hookup on it until the city moved it.

## ADJOURN

Councilmember Camarata moved to adjourn the April 8, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest:      Mayor Arington      _____

             Clerk/Treasurer     _____