

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

John Camarata – Councilmember
Lou Whitford - Councilmember
Liz Smith – Councilmember
Jerry Gilmour – Councilmember
Ben Whitehurst – absent
Pat Cort - Mayor

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- Mayor Cort informed Council that they would need to amend the agenda to add STPG Grant Application and FFA Planters.
- The STPG Grand is an application that Gray & Osborne will help the City apply for. This will be federal money thru the County that will pave First Ave. In 2014 the City had applied for this same grant and was denied. Originally the project was about \$900,000 and had curb, gutter and sidewalk the County has about 2 million available and this project alone would take almost half of the grant money available, so it was decided that they would scale down the project and take out the curb, gutter and sidewalk which would be about \$550,000-\$600,000, this will give the City a better chance of receiving the grant.
- Council will need to approve this grant application per City policy. There is most likely no match money that will be required.
- Councilmember Smith was concerned about possible water leaks on this street and that they would need to be fixed prior to the project. Council thought that this street did not have any.
- April is Child Abuse Prevention month and a representative from CASA will be present and ask that Council have a proclamation declared.
- Mayor Cort has been working on the Emergency Preparedness Plan and would like Council to go over it and see if they have any comments and bring them to the next meeting.
- Councilmember Whitford said that she had noticed at a local doctor's office that they had an emergency exit diagram in the office. Councilmember Whitford will meet with Councilmember Camarata and go over the plan and see if they have any ideas.

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- Mayor Cort said that she is working with Michelle to see if there is a floor plan of City Hall. It is a RCW that an emergency exit diagram is available to the public.
- Mayor Cort met with Public Works and Gibbs regarding the water leak. They found one source of the leak and will be repairing it in the next few days. This is a temporary fix until the plans are set to move the entire line out of the field.
- Gray & Osborne, Marti with Rural Development along with the help of Mayor Cort are working on an application thru Rural Development to apply for a loan to fix all of the water leaks City wide.
- Discussion was had regarding the livestock ordinance. Councilmember Camarata read aloud the definition of livestock.
- Councilmember Whitford said that she would like to have the ordinance work in tandem with the amount of dogs that the City allows which is two. You will have to apply for a variance if you have more than two dogs or two pigs any combination of two. Councilmember Smith agreed with this.
- Councilmember Smith asked if the lot size made a difference on the amount of dogs, chickens etc. that you can have.
- Councilmember Gilmour would like the Ordinance to read the same as Ellensburg.
- Mayor Cort stated that like a lot of other types of animals people think they are cute and then when they get older they don't want to take care of them anymore and then they end of up in rescues or shelters.
- Discussion was had regarding the annual 2% rate increase to the base rate of water and sewer. Council stated that this has been discussed since budget time and the City needs to do this to keep up with inflation.
- Councilmember Gilmour inquired if the water line needs to get fixed then you add another \$5-\$6 dollars per month to the customers' bills.
- Mayor Cort presented the updated 5 year plan to Council and said that a lot of the stuff is getting taken care of. Mayor Cort asked if Council had anything they would like to add.
- Councilmember Whitford would like to get together with another Councilmember to work in pairs on the Emergency Preparedness Plan; this might speed up the process of completing this task.

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- Mayor Cort would like to get the citizens involved with the Emergency Plan also. For example where everyone is to meet if a City wide emergency happened.
- Walmart has a grant available to Police and Fire Departments to issue emergency backpacks. Mayor Cort will look into this.
- Councilmember Gilmour inquired about the Rotary and the projects of fixing the library steps and a possible outdoor bathroom in the park. Mayor Cort said that Cindy Breck has gotten two bids on this project and is working on the approval.
- Councilmember Smith would like Waste Management to come and address Council as to why they do not offer recycle service to the City of Kittitas.
- Councilmember Smith informed Council that FFA does not need money from the City to get the planters ready for planting. The FFA group will prepare the soil on Earth Day which is April 22nd and plant the flowers the 14th or 15th of May. Their only concern was watering. Talk was had regarding getting a water barrel to help with this.
- The woodshop teacher at Kittitas High School has offered to make wooden signs that say “planter sponsored by” to place in the planters to acknowledge the citizens that do help.
- Mayor Whitford inquired if the Downtown Association would be willing to help with the planters. Mayor Cort stated that she has a meeting schedule with Amy from the Chamber of Commerce regarding some of these issues.
- Councilmember Smith would like to have some of the planters moved out by the high school and Exit 115 to tie all of Kittitas together.
- Councilmember Whitford would possibly like to see flags hung from the light posts and alternate City of Kittitas flags from Exit 115 into town. She will be working on possibly getting help for this. Flags will cost less than banners.

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ADJOURN: 6:52 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer