

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

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

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer
Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne

Points of Discussion

- There were no comments regarding the work study minutes and the regular council meeting minutes.
- Mayor Cort informed Council that there was an emergency at the Benton Lift Station. The Chain broke in the process of lifting the pump and when the pump fell it broke the saddle that the pump sits in. Benton Lift is running off of one pump. Gray & Osborne will be at the regular council meeting to discuss this issue.
- Caribou Creek Restoration was discussed. Gray & Osborne submitted an Engineering Contract for the work that needs to be done per Department of Ecology.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked if any of the property owners were helping. Councilmember Gilmour is frustrated regarding all of the money that the City owes Cal Jordan, Department of Ecology etc.
- Mayor Cort visited the treatment plant today. Mayor Cort stated that there were some issues at the plant that needed to be taken care of. There is groundwater leaking into the sewer which means the City is treating groundwater. Mayor Cort asked Mike at Gray & Osborne if this was something that could be worked into the loan that the City is applying for to fix the water leaks. Mike stated that yes this is something that can be included.
- Mayor Cort met with Perteeet, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development to discuss the vision of Exit 115, the group will be working on a master plan and sewer extension plan. So when development does happen the City will be prepared.
- Councilmember Smith inquired why Department of Ecology was having the City do all of the work to Caribou Creek, it was explained that last year during flooding the city had an emergency

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permit but did work beyond the scope of the permit. Councilmember Smith wondered of Department of Ecology would assume some of the responsibility.

- Mayor Cort stated that the creek had fish and frogs in it and there were trees and some landscape and after the work was done it now looks sterile. Public works has been working on replanting some trees and such but the state is requiring a bigger fix.
- Mayor Cort has been working on the lodging tax ordinance. It was discussed if a public hearing needed to be done for the adoption.
- Mayor Cort is still working on the Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Mayor Cort will be requesting department heads to give an inventory of all vehicles and the amount of time and money spent keeping them running.
- Councilmember Gilmour wondered if Public Works was going to come back and pick up all of the dirt piles from cleaning out the ditches. Mayor Cort stated she would talk with them during the staff meeting in the morning.
- Councilmember Gilmour wanted to know when Spokane Street would be completed. It was explained that the Operating Engineers is a teaching school so it moves slower than if a contractor bid the work. The job should be completed by June.
- Council discussed working on the ordinances. Councilmember Smith was confused as to if they were looking at making changes if the ordinances didn't fit the City or leave as is until a problem arose. Councilmember Camarata did not get any Ordinances assigned to him.
- Councilmember Smith wondered if a citizen had a bigger lot size could they for example have more than four chickens.
- Mayor Cort asked Council if they had any concerns regarding the budget. Councilmember Gilmour stated that he wanted to know where all the money was going to come from for the projects. He also stated that the City should just give everything back to the County.
- Councilmember Smith inquired about recycling and wanted Mayor Cort to add that to the five year plan. Mayor Cort stated that she would call waste management to see if she could get a better answer as to why the City of Kittitas does not have recycle services.
- Councilmember Smith asked what the relationship was with the Housing Authority. It was explained that they are like any other home owner in Kittitas. Councilmember Smith is concerned about the garbage that is left out and mattresses etc. mayor Cort will talk with Chief Taylor regarding this and if it is a code issue and they will contact the Housing Authority.

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- Councilmember Smith stated that Charlie at the barber shop is happy with the planter situation. The City is not paying for the flowers FFA is, the only thing the City will need to do is water them. Dave Doyle has been volunteering his time working on a watering tank and trailer that will make this job easier.
- Mayor Cort informed Council that someone sent her an email wanting to possibly have a medieval fair at Palmerio Park. Mayor Cort will look into this and see what they need and if it will be feasible. They will at least need event insurance, water, restrooms and parking. They are a non-profit group.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked Mike from Gray & Osborne when the side streets will be paved, Mike stated that those will be paved within the next few years but the water lines need to be replaced before being paved.
- The locations where the groundwater is seeping into the sewer need to be given to Gray & Osborne so this can be worked into the RD loan that they are working on for the City. Mike asked if there was a way to video the sewer lines. Mayor Cort will check into this.
- The Benton lift was discussed at greater length and if Council agrees to declare Benton lift a state of emergency that will speed the process of competitive bidding and get it fixed since time is of the essence. They will also have to do a sewer bypass while they are repairing the lift station. It should take one to two days hopefully to make the repairs.
- Mayor Cort asked Mike from Gray & Osborne when the city could anticipate the main street lift station project to start. Mike stated that they have received a revised quote and they should get the plans out to bid in the next month and possibly start by August.

ADJOURN: 6:57 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer