

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2018

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

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

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- Mayor Cort would like to stop the work study meeting during the summer months, effective the first meeting in June.
- Councilmember Whitford stated that she has been working with Chief Taylor regarding the traffic ordinance chapter. They have some more to work on but they are making progress.
- Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee informed Council that the attorney will be writing up the Lodging Tax Ordinance. It will need to get to the Department of Revenue by October to be effective January 2019. This Ordinance will impose a 2% Lodging Tax in the City.
- Mayor Cort talked with Lee at Johnny's regarding repainting the mural on the side of the store. Lee was concerned that the school class that originally painted it was coming back to finish. Mayor Cort will speak with the school and clarify that issue. Then hopefully the new branding logo could be painted on the side of Johnny's.
- Mayor Cort has been working on the exit maps for each room of City Hall; this will be part of the emergency preparedness plan.
- There currently is one letter of interest for the vacant council position. This position will close the first of June. Council is hopeful maybe they will get a few more letters of interest.
- Chief Taylor has selected a candidate to move thru the process of hiring an entry level police officer. About seven applications were turned in and they were submitted to a physical aptitude test. From there two moved forward and had an oral board test. One was selected and they will have a psych, poly and background test. If all of this goes well they could go to the academy by August.
- Cal Jordan has requested to be paid for the work that he did in reference to the Community

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Hall/Library grant/loan application that was turned down at the last minute by previous Mayor and Council. Cal had submitted an invoice for the amount of \$19,856.28. He would like to get paid \$500 per month starting in June and have council budget the rest for full payment in 2019.

- Mayor Cort submitted information to Council regarding a renaissance fair for Palmerio Park.
- There is a group who is interested in using the park for this event.
- The State is raising the state building fee from \$4.50 to \$6.50 effective July 1st.
- The John Wayne Trail Riders came thru Kittitas on Monday. The Eagles and Time Out were open to serve breakfast to the riders. Approximately \$400 in donations was made for Friends of the Depot.
- The John Wayne Trail has changed their name and they are also working on two trestles which should bring more traffic to the City of Kittitas.
- Two daughters of a former railroad employee also came by and they would like to place a bench at the park in memory of their father. Mayor Cort asked that they write a history of their father and submit and she will approach Washington State Park about placing a bench in the area.
- Jerry Pettit came out to Kittitas to look at a location to place a ballot box. It was decided that it will be placed in the alley behind City Hall where the recycle dumpster used to sit. There will be two signs that say ballot box placed near this location. This is a requirement from the state that all Cities must have an official ballot box. Mayor Cort will be in charge of the key on Election Day and make sure the box is officially locked at 8:00 p.m.
- Mayor Cort stated she would be meeting with Jarod from the Chamber of Commerce about the swap meet during the burnout.
- Councilmember Whitford was happy with the turnout for the second annual Trunk or Treat and would like to try and find a way to get more cars to be involved.

ADJOURN: 6:52 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer