

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 14th, 2019**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute. Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. May 14th, 2019. Councilmembers present: Rich Coleman, Lou Whitford and Councilmember Liz Smith. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer and Ben Chavez-Police Officer.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED
APRIL 23rd, 2019**

MOTION: Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve the regular Council Meeting minutes dated April 23rd, 2019; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitford made a motion to approve the Work Study Minutes dated April 23rd, 2019; second by Councilmember Coleman.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata would like to move the Oath of Office to be administered after the Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as amended moving the Oath of Office after the Treasurer's Report; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

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REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports (informational only)

- Debbie Lee, clerk informed Council that BIAS held the Annual Report Class at City Hall and things went well, hopefully this will be considered for next year's class as well.
- Council was informed that the water line replacement loan that was applied for had been approved. The loan is in the amount of \$799,000.00 with a grant of \$614,000.00 this loan will replace old water lines on First, Second and Third. Council will need to discuss all the details soon. Things that will need to be considered is interim financing, splitting the water/sewer fund into two separate funds, increasing the water rates to cover the loan payment etc. Gray & Osborne will be at the next Council meeting to sign an engineering agreement. Marti from RD will also come and speak to Council and answer any questions that they may have at a later date.
- A film crew came to City Hall to discuss filming a movie using Main Street of Kittitas as a location. They will be filming the first week in June. The name of the movie is East of the Mountains based on a book of the same title.

Gary Bye – New Life Church

- Gary Bye reported that FISH Food Bank was able to secure more grant money to enable them to provide Lunch in the Park for the summer. In the past years FISH has used the Community Hall for storage and on occasion when the weather was bad feed the kids inside. Gary is asking Council for the use of the Community Hall again this year.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve FISH to use the Community Hall during the summer for lunch in the park; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

- Gary also reported that he is part of the newly formed Events Committee for the City of Kittitas and they have been brainstorming to come up with a new family friendly event. Gary stated that currently they have four events that draw people to the City these events are an Easter Egg Hunt, Car Show & Burnouts, Trunk or Treat and Christmas in Kittitas. With the burnouts changing the Chamber will be still be promoting the car show.
- The Events Committee came up with an idea for the 4th of July. This is a holiday when people plan to go places and since fireworks are legal to light off in the City of Kittitas the committee

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thought to hold a block style type party. They would close off parts of Main Street and have a water war type event with 10,000 water balloons, squirt guns, etc. They also suggested selling squares on Main Street and having a chalk drawing competition with adults and children participating. When it gets darker everyone can bring their fireworks and light off on Main Street with a safe supervised environment. Volunteers would make sure things were cleaned up when all the events were over. They are also trying to get food vendors, face painting and other type of vendors to come participate.

- The only costs to the City would be providing someone to close down and open the streets back up, and possibly having two police officers on duty. The Event Committee will be contacting KVFR to see if possibly some volunteer firefighters are involved.
- Councilmember Whitford stated that Moxee does a block party style of lighting off fireworks and is a very successful draw.
- Gary Bye felt this event is very doable and community oriented and would just ask the City to put this event as a rider on their insurance policy.
- Citizen Julie Carlson has concerns about only having one police officer. Officer Chavez was present at the meeting and he stated that County, State Patrol and the City of Ellensburg will have a full staff and they are always available to assist if needed.
- Councilmember Camarata wondered if they have spoken with Chief Sinclair regarding this event, it was stated no but they did talk with volunteer firefighters who live in the City and they are on board to help. Gary will be contacting Chief Sinclair.
- Councilmember Smith felt this type of event would increase safety since fireworks are allowed in the City and it would be a community event.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve the 4th of July Event to take place on Main Street; second by Councilmember Coleman.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

B. Budget Report

- Councilmember Camarata stated that currently the City is 1/3 of the way thru the year and he has concern with the water/sewer fund balance. Councilmember Camarata noted that rates were increased again in April so that could help some, but they will need to watch the budget carefully.

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C. Treasurer's Report

- No Comment

D. Oath of Office

- Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata administered the Oath of Office to new Councilmember Beard.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Super Load (tabled until 5/28/2019 meeting)

B. 19-005 Charter Franchise Agreement

- This is the second reading of Ordinance 19-005.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-005 Charter Franchise Agreement; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 19-006R Resolution Surplus Property WWTP

- This is a resolution to surplus UV lights from the WWTP.

MOTION: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 19-006; second by Councilmember Beard.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

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PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. April Bank EFT's \$5,262.74

MOTION: Councilmember Smith made a motion to approve April Bank EFT's; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

B. May 14th, 2019 Payables via EFT \$40,748.37

MOTION: Councilmember Whitford made a motion to approve May Payables via EFT; second by Councilmember Smith.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

C. April Payroll/May Mid-Month Draws \$53,859.13

MOTION: Councilmember Whitford made a motion to approve April Payroll/May Mid-Month Draws; second by Councilmember Smith.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata informed Council that filing week ends Friday at 4:00 p.m. you can also file electronically.
- The COG meeting was cancelled.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata will be attending the Law & Justice meeting Wednesday morning.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Smith has been in contact with Becky from FFA and they will be planting the planters with some different plants this year. There is not a definite date set but it will be happening.

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- Councilmember Whitford was wondering how the paint would be paid for to repaint the new logo on Johnny's Mart. It was suggested to maybe ask for donations from Sherwin Williams, Standard Paint or Knudson Lumber. Citizen Roy Beard stated he would inquire about this as he is a painter by profession and would help with equipment, tools etc.
- The question was asked to Gary Bye as to why the Easter Event was low in attendance. Gary stated that is was most likely due to not advertising very well. New Life will advertise differently next year. Everything went smoothly and the weather was good attendance was just down.

MOTION: Councilmember Coleman made a motion to adjourn; second by Councilmember Beard.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

ADJOURN: 7:45 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie Lee Clerk/Treasurer