

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2020**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Mayor Camarata started the conference call meeting at 7:00 p.m. May 26, 2020. Councilmembers present: Rich Coleman, Peter Schuetz, Richard Hink Jr, Lou Tyler and Holly Beard. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer, Kurin Simplot – Public Works and Lori Chaffee – Utility Billing Clerk.

Mayor Camarata took a verbal roll call and informed Councilmember's that when making motion's and second's that they need to state their name first. Also when votes were taken after the second Mayor Camarata will take a verbal roll call of yeas and nays.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance 20-013 Abandoned and Junk Vehicles**

- The updated code language was gone over by the Chief Taylor, Officer Nelson and the attorney made some adjustments. This will strengthen the language regarding abandoned and junk vehicles.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-013 Abandoned and Junk Vehicles; second by Councilmember Tyler.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

**B. Purchase of New Lawnmower – Public Works**

- Mayor Camarata informed Council that the current lawnmower that the City has is 14 years old and has recently needed repairs. There are still some repairs needed. With the ability to purchase a new mower Public Works would be able to get the mowing done possibly faster using both mowers.
- Kurin stated that the current mower still has some safety issues that need repaired, but would be able to use the older mower for plowing, brushing snow. Both Kurin and Marshall have experience driving z-track mowers.
- Council inquired if the mower came with a warranty. Kurin said that he would get a copy of the warranty and make it available for Council.
- Public Works obtained three bids ranging from \$22,800, \$18,500 and \$20,000.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve the purchase of the z-track mower at the rate of \$18,500; second by Councilmember Coleman.  
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

**C. Interlocal Agreement Kittitas County/City of Kittitas COVID-19 Public Health**

- This is an interlocal agreement to pledge 25% of CARES money to Kittitas Public Health from the City of Kittitas share of CARES money.
- Councilmember Tyler asked if this was something that the City Attorney supported.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Tyler made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with COVID-19 money and Kittitas County Public Health Department.  
No second was made.  
Motion Failed.

**D. May 26<sup>th</sup> Payables \$37,997.69**

- Councilmember Tyler requested a point of order to have Councilmember's state their name when speaking or making a motion, this will help Debbie keep minutes.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Hink made a motion to approve May 26<sup>th</sup> Payables; second by Councilmember Schuetz.  
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

**E. Mayor/Council Discussion**

- Mayor Camarata informed Council that as of 5:00 p.m. he had not heard if Kittitas County was granted the variance to move into Phase 2.
- Councilmember Coleman would like the next meeting to be held in person; Councilmember Coleman would like to ignore the COVID – 19 restrictions.
- Mayor Camarata stated he would follow the Attorneys recommendation.
- Councilmember Beard stated that remote meetings are frustrating but there is not a choice at this time.

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**ADJOURN: 7:15 p.m.**

**Attest:**

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Mayor John Camarata

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Debbie Lee Clerk/Treasurer