

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2008**

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., March 25, 2008. Councilmembers present; Huber, Gay, Gilmour, Turpin, and Camarata.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Police Officer Shuart, and Public Works Bosch.

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – Change Order #5 – This includes Schedule B's cost as it was bid except for the increase in sales tax. This work will take place this fall. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this change order and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Change Order #6 – This includes inflation costs for schedule B work and will also take place this fall. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this change order and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

The total increase in the Caribou Creek Bridge Project with change orders #5 and #6 is \$38,761.24.

Department of Fish & Wildlife Grant – Councilmember Huber moved to approve the agreement with Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Caribou Creek Bridge Project for the \$540,865 FRIMA grant and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Police Department – Officer Shuart reported that 3 juveniles did some vandalizing with paint and Chief Studer made them go back and re-paint the items they vandalized.

Public Works Bosch – Public Works Lead Bosch explained Quadco has a grant possibility for \$925,000 to upgrade some water lines from a 4" to a 10" on Third Street and up Road 81.

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Councilmember Huber explained she went to a meeting on the County STP Funds. She explained to Public Works Bosch that next year when we get the paperwork for this grant, to forward it to Jeff Stevens with Gray & Osborne.

Public Works Bosch explained there are some residents cutting grass commercially and dumping it at the WWTP. Council agreed to put up a sign that there will be no commercial dumping allowed. Councilmember Huber moved to approve putting this sign up and also to revise the fee schedule to include a commercial vegetation dumping fee and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. He also reported the water line across Second Street is in.

Delinquent Report – See handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WWTP Trainee – Councilmember Gay reported the second interviews on the WWTP Trainee went well. Both candidates they interviewed are qualified. Councilmember Camarata agreed. They are recommending Larry Jackson to Council. Councilmember Gay moved to approve hiring Larry Jackson and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

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The Mayor explained the city will start using a trainee sheet for new employees to be evaluated on.

He also explained for Councilmember Gay to contact David Cameron that his last day of work will be April 19th and also contact Larry Jackson to start work on April 1st.

NEW BUSINESS

Endorsement of Governor's Proclamation – Mayor Arington would like a Council endorsement of the Governor's Proclamation. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this and Councilmember Huber seconded it. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. They will gather at the flagpole on May 1st for the National Day of Prayer.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #12422 to #12444 for \$17,143.28 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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MAYORS REPORT

Tom Chini – Mayor Arington announced the hiring of Tom Chini for the Construction Inspector for \$40 per hour. This is a pass thru fee and not an expense to the city.

Court Clerk – Sherry Sams-Hauber has been hired to work at night to cover the court clerk position. She currently works for District Court during the day. Judge Chmelewski would like to be included in the hiring process in the future for the court clerk position.

USDA RD – It was discussed to possibly start charging rent to other funds by the General Fund. Mayor Arington suggested Council to think about this in the budget amendment process.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Huber – Janea Holmquist and Bill Hinkle both told Councilmember Huber that they are willing to help our City any way they can.

Councilmember Gay – He suggested we get something together for the Chamber of Commerce to take to their meeting in Seattle. Councilmember Turpin explained he would be happy to help with this project.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the March 25, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Arington

Clerk/Treasurer
