

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2008**

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., April 22, 2008. Councilmembers present; Huber, Turpin, Gay, Gilmour, and Camarata.

Staff present was Police Chief Studer and Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gay abstained.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne –

Water System Plan Public Hearing – The public hearing for the Water Comprehensive System Plan was opened for discussion. Jeff Stevens reviewed the water system plan with the public and Council. Some points he made were:

- The City has reduced its monthly water usage from 30 million gallons to 17 million gallons annually
- Leakage is between 16% and 18%. The State's current requirement is to reduce leakage to no more— than 10%
- The City needs to continue to replace old pipe to reduce the leakage
- The backup water source for the Warm Springs supply is the City well
- The contract with the Clerf's on the Warm Springs Well lease needs to begin negotiations
- Another possible backup might be the railroad well but the question is who owns this well. If this well is not going to be rehabilitated it should be decommissioned in accordance with WAC 173-160.
- The last water system plan said we needed a new storage tank but he feels our current tank is adequate
- Warm Springs well is a great source as it is an artesian well that requires no power
- The chlorination system is old and a safety hazard and should be replaced in the near future costing around \$40,000
- The City's Warm Springs source has a flow of 750 gallons per minute

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- Telemetry is currently not necessary, but may be in the future if the City Well is brought back in to the City's system as a permanent well.
- The pipeline coming from the Warm Springs well, which is 2.2 miles, will need to be replaced in the next 20 years.
- In the next 20 years, the population could increase from 1,135 to more than 2,000.

Resolution 08-008R/2008 Water System Plan. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this resolution and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Police Department – Chief Studer explained he is struggling with coverage since Officer Shuart is out on an injury. Council agreed to maintain coverage even if it means going over budget on the police department budget.

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Public Works Bosch – Mayor Arington explained paving will be taking place tomorrow on Okanogan Street and continue on into the week.

On May 14th at 1:00 p.m., TIB will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony for the City on Second Street.

There will also be people here from the governor's office and they will tour the Operating Engineers School.

Treasurer's Report – see handout

Delinquent Report – see handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Todd Lopeman – He explained he bought the land south of 108 S Clark St. from Randleman's after they did a parcel segregation. Because the water/sewer hookup for the home at 108 S Clark St. remained on the land south of this location after the segregation, Public Works Bosch moved the hookup from Mr. Lopeman's land to 108 S Clark St. because it has served this home for the past 25 years.

WWTP Yard Waste Dumping (continue) – Council discussed the options available. Councilmember Gay suggested a set fee schedule with a sign at the entrance explaining the fees. Councilmember Gilmour suggested we monitor it by City employees.

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Councilmember Gay moved to set a fee schedule and the fee would be paid at City Hall. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

Transfer of Fire Department Truck from General Fund to Water/Sewer Fund – After some discussion of the transferring of the Fire Department Truck to the Water/Sewer Fund, Council agreed to get a 2nd quote on the value of this truck as they felt this was too low. Gerry's Foreign Auto valued this truck at \$50.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Charges – Council agreed we cannot bill the school prior to setting a fee schedule. Councilmember Huber moved to have the Mayor negotiate with the school in setting this fee schedule. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. Motion failed. Council agreed to have the Mayor discuss this with the Fire Chief and the school principal.

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Council of Government (COG) Application – There is \$600,000 available this year to be distributed in 2009. Some suggestions were the Community Hall Roof and making the bathrooms ADA accessible. Councilmember Huber explained the project needs to promote economic activity. The Mayor will be representing the City at the COG meetings from now on. The deadline for the application is May 30th.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of April Draws – Check #994085 to #994086 for \$1,360 was moved to be approved by Councilmember Camarata and seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Approval of April Bills – Checks #12463 to #12492 and #770416 for \$73,133.84 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Stop Signs – The Mayor and Chief Studer suggested some new locations for stop signs. They are 2nd and Benton, Spokane and 7th, 2nd and King, and Alpine and Rainier. An amended ordinance will be drafted for later approval by Council.

Water Rights – The Mayor explained Craig Schnebly is very reluctant in selling his

