

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2008**

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., May 27, 2008. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, Turpin, and Camarata. Councilmember Huber was absent.

Staff present was 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 May 13, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Vacant Council Position
Councilmember Turpin -- Parks

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Police Department – Chief Studer was absent but Mayor Arington explained the Chief is thinking about parking one of his police cars because the cost of maintenance on it is so high.

Staff Reports – See handouts on the Fire Department and Public Works. Councilmember Gilmour questioned why the Fire Department needs new radios.

Treasurer's Report – See handouts

Delinquent Report – See handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance 08-009 – Amend Stop Sign Ordinance -- The public hearing was opened and closed. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve ordinance 08-009 and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. In addition, a map will be attached per section 1 of the ordinance.

Discussion of yard waste fees – A couple of suggestions were to charge \$5.00 per load and display a sign at the dump site. Councilmember Gay moved to approve only commercial dumping at \$10.00 per ton and residential to continue by donation only.

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Councilmember Gilmour disagreed with this. Councilmember Turpin and Councilmember Camarata both agreed that we should also charge a residential fee. Councilmember Gay amended his motion to be a commercial dumping fee of \$10.00 and a residential fee of \$5.00. Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion failed. Councilmember Turpin moved to approve a flat dumping fee of \$5.00 until the end of the year and put up a sign. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

Vacant Council Position – Councilmember Huber hasn't submitted a letter of resignation but has resigned by default as she has taken the County Commissioner position. Mayor Arington announced he will advertise for this vacant position.

Parks – Councilmember Turpin would like to create a volunteer Parks Committee to help with the upkeep of the parks. Council agreed this would be a great idea. Councilmember Gay suggested concentrating on one park at a time.

Councilmember Gilmour suggested when watering the parks to set the sprinklers so they don't hit the buildings.

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APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of May Draw – Check #995086 for \$2,000.00 was moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of May Bills – Checks #12527 to #12556 for \$325,584.44 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Check #12537 was voided.

MAYORS REPORT

COG Application – Mayor Arington talked to the county public works department about COG money and they said we need a plan before we can submit an application. Since the applications are due the end of May, we will probably have to wait until next year to submit one.

Court Clerk – We will be interviewing at least two applicants tomorrow evening. The other two haven't been set up yet.

