

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 8, 2008**

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., July 8, 2008. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, Turpin, and Camarata.

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

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Councilmember Gay – Unfinished business

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the amended minutes from the June 24, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. “Following the recommendations of” was added to page 2 under the topic of hiring of police officers.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

Council voted on the two candidates for Councilmember, Pat Alvord and Tony Nicholas. Councilmember Gay moved to approve hiring Pat Alvord and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Turpin voting no. Mayor Arington read the oath of office for the swearing in of Pat Alvord.

**PUBLIC HEARING – CTED WA RURAL LOAN FUND**

Mayor Arington opened the public hearing for discussion. The public hearing was closed. Council discussed with Kenny Spain of CTED the process of this type of loan. Each business that applies for this loan needs Council approval. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve resolution #08-012R authorizing submission of an application by Johnny’s Serv-U (which will be used for equipment) for the Rural WA Loan Fund and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Gray & Osborne** – Councilmember Turpin moved to approve pay estimate #6 for \$139,530.68 for the Caribou Creek Bridge Project and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Alvord abstained.

**Staff Reports** – Council discussed the handouts from the Fire Department and Public

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Works. Councilmember Turpin asked for clarification on “temporary aid car” in the Fire Department handout.

**Police Department** – Chief Studer explained he would like to retire the Crown Vic that has a blown heater core. There must be a fair market value on the item prior to surplusing it. Council suggesting waiting awhile before taking this step. He also explained they have had a few fights in the last couple of weeks but other than that it has been a quiet summer.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Hiring of Police Officers** – Mayor Arington explained there have been quite a few applications for the police officer position but not many that were qualified as lateral moves. Councilmember Gay agreed there were some good applicants. Councilmember Gay moved to approve hiring Brent Nierman as a permanent full-time police officer at entry level which is \$2,831.54 a month (16.34 per hour) and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes, Councilmember Gilmour voted no, and Councilmember Alvord abstained.

**CDBG Fire Department Grant – Hiring of Architect** – The hiring committee consisted of Councilmember Gilmour, Councilmember Camarata, Mayor Arington, and Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb. We had four good applicants but the committee agreed that Cal Jordan did the best job on his presentation and had quite a few more details than the other applicants. Councilmember Turpin moved to hire Calvin Jordan and Associates as the architect on the Fire Department Grant Project and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Councilmember Gay – Letter to the Editor --** He passed out a copy of the letter to the editor that he drafted which says “thank you” to the Operating Engineers. Once we get it on letterhead it will be sent into the Daily Record and a copy sent to the Operating Engineers.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 08-004 – New Fund 404/General Facilities and Water/Sewer Reserves** – The public hearing was opened. After some discussion the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance upon approval by our city attorney and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Ordinance 08-013 – New Fund 102/Three Tenths Sales Tax Fund** – The public hearing was opened. After some discussion the public hearing was closed.

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Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance upon approval by our city attorney and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Resolution 08-014R – Amend Employee Travel Rates** – Councilmember Turpin moved to approve this resolution upon approval by our city attorney and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of June Payroll and July Draws** – Checks #7293 to #7305 and #886081 to #886098 and #997081 to #997084 for \$45,574.04 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of July Bills** – Checks #12620 to #12642 for \$8,175.79 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Court** – Mayor Arington explained he and Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb met today with Judge Haven from Kittitas County Lower District Court and the Kittitas County Prosecutor’s Office on contracting our Court with the County. Both county offices appeared favorable to this. At this point, it will depend on what the Prosecutor’s Office will charge us for doing our prosecutions.

**Law Enforcement Officers Testing** – Mayor Arington explained reserve officers are now required to have polygraph and psychological testing.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**WWTP Overtime** – Councilmember Gilmour asked why there was overtime on the lift stations. He also wondered why no one looks at or cleans the school lift station grease trap. Apparently they do not know how to maintain it. Councilmember Camarata explained CWU pumps their own out as it is the user’s responsibility.

**Parks** – Councilmember Turpin explained the flyers are ready for print to get help with maintaining the parks. He also explained there are quite a few businesses interested in developing in Kittitas.

**UGA** – The final Eastern WA Hearings Board on our UGA decision will be held July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**County REET Funds** – The County REET funds the City will apply for to do

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improvements on the Community Hall which includes a roof.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the July 8, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Arington \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_