

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

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

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

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the amended minutes from the July 8, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Bob McCollum – Pull tabs

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Library Board** – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour explained they are still one board member short but have one person interested in the position.

They started working on the 2009 budget. The County Commissioners request the library budget to be turned into them in September.

The next regional library board meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup>.

The summer reading program has 30 registered children.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the library surplus list and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Police Department** – Chief Studer reported there were a couple of incidents over the weekend.

The police department is working on code violations. If a vehicle is left on the street after 45 days, they can impound it.

**Staff Reports** – See report in packets.

**Treasurer's Report** – See reports in packets.

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**Delinquent Report** -- See report in packets.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Re-approval of Ordinances 08-004/new fund 102 and 08-013/new fund 404** – Council needs to re-approve these two ordinances since the attorney didn't review them prior to the deadline for publishing in the newspaper. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve ordinances 08-004 and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve 08-013 and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Cal Jordan and Associates Contract Approval** – The approval of this contract was moved to a special meeting on July 29, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MRSC Contract – Small Works Roster and A&E contract advertising** – Mayor Arington explained MRSC charges \$100 per year to advertise our small works roster and the architect and engineer annual notice. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this contract and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Ordinance 08-015 – Change in Zoning Code** – The Planning Commission is recommending changing accessory buildings as an allowed permitted use rather than requiring a Conditional Use Permit as it reads now in the Central Business District Zoning Code. The public hearing was opened for discussion. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**3 Dog Variance/Brent Nierman** – Brent Nierman is applying for a 3 dog variance. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this variance and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Tiny Allphin and Tina Morefield – Dog Licensing** – Tina Morefield explained they had a big dog in their yard that was a stray and wants something done with these dogs. Councilmember Gilmour explained the dog enforcement could be paid with the 3/10's money. Tina asked if Public Works Lead Bosch could write a list of these dogs when he reads meters and then issue tickets. A possibility is to use the 3/10's money to pay for the animal shelter contract. Councilmember Gay would like to criminalize dog issues.

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Mayor Arington is going to direct city staff to get a listing on dogs in the city. Councilmember Gilmour would like us to check with the animal shelter as to what they would charge.

**Time Out Saloon/Bob McCollum – Pull Tabs** – He would like the city to decrease their fee on pull tabs. The fee is currently 3% on gross sales. Council will look into this.

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of July Bills** – Checks #12623 to #12680 and #770628 to #770630 for \$181,209.46 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Court** – Mayor Arington explained the Kittitas County Prosecutor is still looking into what the county would charge us if we contract our court prosecutions with them.

**Mobile Courts** – The Mayor explained mobile courts are supposed to be paying for business licenses.

**WWTP** – Operator Trainee Larry Jackson has now been moved into a permanent, full-time union position at \$2,459.17 per month (\$14.19/hr) at range 26 step A. Council directed the Mayor prior to this meeting to correct this position which was incorrectly hired as a temporary.

**Civil Service** – Mayor Arington indicated that it appears that the City may have to form a Civil Service Commission for the Police Department now that we have three full time officers. He indicated that he will continue researching the topic.

**Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)** – The City needs to get a bid on the Community Hall roof so we have an estimated cost for the REET application.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Councilmember Gilmour** – Terry Leader and Excel Plumbing need to receive a thank you letter for their donation in their work on the new Community Hall bathroom.

**Community Hall Front Porch** – Councilmember Gilmour explained the front porch doesn't get cleaned. He would like to see some kind of maintenance every morning

