

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2008**

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., August 12, 2008. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Alvord, Turpin, and Camarata. Councilmember Gay was absent.

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

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2008, special meeting and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Alvord moved to approve the agenda for the August 12, 2008 meeting and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne –Councilmember Turpin moved to approve pay estimate #7 for \$14,652.76 on the Caribou Creek Bridge Project and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve change order #7 on the Caribou Creek Bridge Project for \$9,920.15. Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour explained the library board received a letter from Becky Bosch requesting to fill a vacant position on the library board with the board's recommendation. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this hiring and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

The reading program concluded last week with a pizza party and awards. She showed some projects that were completed with old parts and tools by the children.

Police Department – Chief Studer reported the Burn Out show went well. The overtime

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the officers worked hopefully will be reimbursed from the hotel/motel county tax revenue.

His department applied for a law & justice grant for a new car and taser.

A proposal was distributed to Council on the 3/10's revenue requesting hiring a part time officer. This would include the cost of fuel and other costs associated with hiring this 4th officer. It will be discussed by Council at the August 26th council meeting.

Staff Reports – See report in packets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gambling Tax – Mayor Arington will do some investigation into this issue and it will be revisited at the August 26th Council meeting.

Animal Control – Catherine Clerf suggested we contact Chief Scott Ferguson from Cle Elum to see if it is possible to use the 3/10's tax for animal control.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Department Grant Committee -- A planning committee needs to be formed to follow through with the Fire Department Remodel project. Mayor Arington will revisit this at the August 26th meeting.

Economic Development Group – There are two development groups and they would like a representative from the City of Kittitas. Councilmember Alvord moved to approve Councilmember Turpin as our representative and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Ordinance 08-016 -- #5 2008 Budget Amendments – The public hearing was opened for discussion. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of July Payroll and August Draws – Checks #7306 to #7318, #888081 to #888096, and #998081 to #998084 in the amount of \$44,100.30 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Turpin and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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Approval of August Bills – Checks #12681 to #12724 for \$65,754.52 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Turpin and seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

UGA – Catherine Clerf explained the County Commissioners chose not to take advice from the Land Use Advisory Committee which was one of the factors in the decision of the Eastern WA Hearings Board denying our UGA request. Ms. Clerf explained the city now has to re-apply in June 2009 to the County to request this Gibb land into the UGA.

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CITY HALL – The New Life Assembly Church youth group finished the painting of the north side of City Hall.

TRUCK ROUTE – A citizen has requested that the truck route be changed to allow owners to bring their trucks to their homes to wash them. Both the police and street department recommend not doing this and Council agreed.

NSF CHECKS – Mayor Arington explained we are currently charging \$25 for a NSF check. Council agreed to amend this fee to \$35. The ordinance amendment will be brought to Council at the August 26th meeting.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

STAFF MEETING – There will be a staff meeting tomorrow to discuss tightening up the budget.

FIRE CALL – Councilmember Gilmour explained his mother in law had a fire call but our Fire Department responded without assisting.

IMPACT FEES – Councilmember Turpin attended the seminar in Ellensburg on impact fees and suggested we look into this option. They can be used for parks or roads. John Akers from the City of Ellensburg would be a good person to invite to a council meeting to discuss it.

PARKS COMMITTEE – A flyer will available soon.

