

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2008**

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., September 9, 2008. Councilmembers present: Alvord, Turpin, Gay, Gilmour, and Camarata.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no. Councilmembers Gay and Gilmour abstained.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the modification of the agenda and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. The change made was moving the Library report before Gray & Osborne's report.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour reported they will be a meeting with parents of the children of the summer reading program later in the month to pass out the fair ribbons on their summer reading program projects.

The library has received a patron complaint and it was unclear what the complaint was about. They will contact the patron to get a clarification.

The Library Board is requesting a little more from the county commissioners next year. It will probably be around \$7,700.

The library is getting a little behind on processing books.

Friends of the Library and the Library Board would like to sponsor an afternoon craft day for the children.

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the surplus list and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Gray & Osborne – Nancy Morter explained some operational items still needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The first 3-4 items should be a higher priority than the other

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items. The items are:

1. Fine Screen – This would prevent the buildup of debris in the SBR basin, reduce O&M, and reduce process upset. The estimated cost is \$338,800.
2. SBR Walkway – This would increase accessibility, safety, and maintenance of the surface of the basin. The estimated cost is \$33,100.
3. Disk Filter Float/Controls – This would prevent the overflow of the SBR basins and reduce operator time for “recovery”. The estimated cost is \$7,300.
4. Building Protection – This would prevent the birds from entering the roof, prevent further deterioration of the eaves, and protect exposed HVAC equipment. The estimated cost is \$17,200.
5. Miscellaneous Electrical –
 - a. Supernatant Pump Controls would permanently install control wiring so that this pump can be used as an influent pump in an emergency. The estimated cost is \$15,300.
 - b. ORP Control would help the operator gain better control over the nitrogen removal process. The estimated cost is \$11,300.
 - c. ATS Switch would monitor the status of the automatic transfer switch. The estimated cost is \$3,000.
 - d. NPW Tank Float Switch would shut the system down at low tank levels. The estimated cost is \$7,300.
6. Non-Potable Water System – This would provide a “full time” non-potable water supply. The estimated cost is \$60,100.
7. New Influent Pumps – This would install two reliable submersible centrifugal pumps that would replace the existing Gorman-Rupp pumps which failed last October. The estimated cost is \$72,900.

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Councilmember Gay requested Gray & Osborne to ask USDA RD in using the \$10,000 of USDA RD grant money left on the above items. Nancy will get back with us.

Jeff Stevens explained for every \$100,000 of USDA RD loan money borrowed it would be a \$1 in a rate increase.

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Staff Reports – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gambling Tax – Mayor Arington explained this will be continued to the next meeting.

Animal Control – Mayor Arington explained the City of Ellensburg's quote came in at \$18,000 if we were to enter into a contract with them on animal control.

Fire Department Grant Committee – Mayor Arington explained this will be continued to the next meeting.

Revision of Fire Department Architect Contract – Cal Jordan – Mayor Arington explained the changes made between Cal Jordan's contract and our attorney's contract. Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the revised contract and Councilmember Gilmour seconded it. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 08-020 – 2008 Budget Amendment #6 – The public hearing was opened for discussion. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Alvord moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of August Payroll and September Draws – Checks #7319 to #7330, #888071 to #888187, and #999081 to #999084 for \$43,424.93 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Approval of September Bills – Checks #12749 to #12764 for \$12,978.05 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

UGA – The superior court hearing is September 22, 2008. Councilmember Camarata believes the county will ask for a "stay".

Headstart – Mayor Arington met with Headstart and told them they are permitted to have a daycare center only serving those families that are enrolled in Headstart as this is a

