

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2008**

WORKSHOP ON TITLE 16 SUBDIVISION CODE 6:00

Council discussed the proposed changes to the subdivision code by the planning commission.

Our planner, Lisa Parks, attended via phone conference and explained the changes that are being recommended to the Council. A couple of points she made were:

1. The existing preliminary plats have five years from the date of their preliminary approval and not the date this revision is adopted.
2. The existing preliminary plats will follow their specific preliminary plat requirements – the only affect this will have on them is a process change.
3. Final plats are a “closed” record hearing AFTER the planner, engineer, and city officials have reviewed them against their preliminary plat requirements.

Mayor Arington called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., October 28, 2008. Councilmembers present: Turpin, Gilmour, Camarata, Gay, and Alford.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Police Chief Studer, and Fire Chief Carbajal.

Mayor Arington led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2008, regular meeting and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the agenda as presented and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Police Department – Chief Studer would like to surplus the 2004 Dodge Intrepid that is missing a radio and siren, the Crown Victoria that has a blown heater core, and the Chevy Lumina confiscated on a drug bust. The Intrepid is currently residing at Reserve Officer Nierman’s house, the Crown Vic is at Chief Studer’s house, and the Lumina is at Officer Poole’s house. Discussion followed regarding the status of the last loan payment on the

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Intrepid which needs to be paid prior to the surplus of the vehicle.

Treasurer Report – See handout

Delinquent Report – See handout – Mayor Arington explained the \$5 late fee on water/sewer accounts now is being applied every 15 days as the ordinance reads. Resident, Jessica Gleason, explained at the last school board meeting the school decided to approve their bills ahead of time so they aren't paying late anymore.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gambling Tax – Mayor Arington explained our attorney agrees with MRSC that charging a flat fee gambling tax is not following state law. Councilmember Gay offered to talk to Bob McCollum of the Time Out Saloon again about this issue since the flat fee isn't legal. Council agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 08-021 – Amend Interfund Loan – The public hearing was opened for discussion. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. Councilmember Gay and Councilmember Alvord disagree with this motion. Council voted 3 yes and Councilmembers Alvord and Gay voted no.

PUBLIC HEARING 2009 Property Tax – Ordinance 08-022 – The public hearing was opened for discussion. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

PUBLIC HEARING Fire Department/City Hall Remodel Application – The public hearing was opened for discussion. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the city applying for the USDA RD grant/loan and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Dog Variance – Cliff Scott – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this dog variance for a 3rd dog and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gay voted no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of October Bills – Checks #12829 to #12852 for \$22,187.72 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Camarata and seconded by Councilmember Alvord. The

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motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Fire Department – Mayor Arington read the letter of resignation of Chief Roy Carbajal effective October 31, 2008.

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Fire Chief Resignation – Chief Roy Carbajal has submitted his written resignation to Mayor Arington.

Leave Accruals – This decision will be made administratively. Our city attorney advised us to budget each department leave accrual each year rather than setting up funds.

Chamber of Commerce Membership – Council agreed to not renew this membership.

Utility Tax/Water Sewer Rates – Mayor Arington explained to balance the budget the city would need approximately a 17% utility tax for 2009. Some unknown expenditures are the court system, fire department chief salary, Kittcom expense, and prisoner care expense. In addition, the proposed water/sewer 6% rate increase was discussed. There was also discussion between Council and the citizens on some of the budget issues.

Water Rights – Mayor Arington explained he talked with Bob Clerf about the Warm Springs water purchase contract that will expire in 2013. He asked Bob to make an offer to the city so we can begin negotiations on this contract.

Budget Workshop – Council decided to have a budget workshop on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. It will be at City Hall as the Community Hall has already been reserved.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

UGA County Public Hearing – The county public hearing will be tomorrow night at the Fairgrounds at 6:00 regarding the city UGA. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

Palmiero Park – Councilmember Turpin is still researching funding to renovate Palmiero Park. Mayor Arington advised Councilmember Turpin that prior to submission of any grant the Council needed to be advised. Councilmember Turpin assured he would so advise.

Payroll Report – Councilmember Gilmour suggested getting a payroll printout in their

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packets showing each individual employee.

Sand Truck – Councilmember Gilmour suggested either using the sand truck or surplus it.

Grants – Councilmember Alvord has signed up for a free workshop on grants November 7th and she will fund it herself.

IACC Conference – Mayor Arington explained he will be attending the IACC Conference in Wenatchee November 5th thru the 7th. There will be no cost to the city as the mayor will pay for whatever the grant doesn't cover.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the October 28, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Arington

Clerk/Treasurer
