

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2009**

WORKSHOP – ATTORNEY CONTRACT – 6:30 P.M.

There was discussion as to whether we should revise our city attorney contract to hourly or not.

Councilmember Alvord suggested any contact with our city attorney go through mayor or council approval. Also suggested was using a form prior to contacting the attorney to get the mayor's approval.

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., March 10, 2009. Councilmembers present: Turpin, Gilmour, Camarata, Gay, and Alvord.

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

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Alvord moved to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2009, regular meeting and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Catherine Clerf – USDA RD

Councilmember Alvord – Dog Letter and Car Surplus

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the amended agenda and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour reported the library had around 134 kids for cocoa and cookies.

Karen Eslingers term is up this year on the library board and there is at least one person interested in it.

Story time began today and had five children in attendance. It is held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

April 12 thru 18 is national library weekend and April 19-25 is volunteer appreciation week.

A draft of the Interlocal Agreement with the county should be ready by the next council meeting, but there is concern if the commissioners will reduce the library funding.

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

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There were 263 items processed this month and 125 donated.

It was suggested story time to be put on the reader board.

The Dora Cissell fund lost around \$400 last year and around \$50 so far this year. It was suggested putting it into a savings account.

Police Department – Chief Studer explained the Dirty Thirty Gang is causing trouble again in the city and would like to hire a 3rd code enforcement officer with the 3/10's money.

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve hiring a part time code enforcement officer and to review the 3/10's budget to see how many hours we can afford and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Cal Jordan writing Community Hall Planning Only Grant for \$1,000 – Councilmember Gilmour doesn't see how this can work and doesn't think the timing is right. Councilmember Alvord and Councilmember Turpin suggested we contact Central Washington University and see if there is a student that could do this as a project. Councilmember Gay suggested we ask Cal Jordan to do it for free. Council agreed.

Attorney Contract – Councilmember Gay moved to change the attorney contract to hourly at \$140 per hour and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Surplus – Councilmember Alvord explained the Heaverlo Auction will be held March 28th for the cars to be surplus. The Chevy Lumina books at \$625 but to get it to the auction we would either have to tow it for \$100 or purchase a battery and tire plus pay the \$45 auction fee and a 10% drug fund fee. A & A Auto would pay \$350 salvage value as another alternative. The Ford Crown Victoria needs some work or it will have to be towed also. This car books at \$3,500. The Dodge Intrepid books at \$3,900 to \$5,800 but needs equipment stripped out of it. We have contacted other police departments and haven't been successful in any interests. The 1959 International does not run and would need to be towed for \$150. A & A Auto thinks we might get \$1,000 at the auction or he would pay \$350 salvage value. She recommends salvaging the Lumina and Crown Victoria, having the International towed to the auction, and having someone stripping out the Intrepid and then drive it to the auction. Councilmember Turpin moved to approve having Councilmember Alvord work with the mayor to dispose of the International and above vehicles. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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Dogs – Councilmember Alvord is working on those residents that have not purchased dog licenses. Council agreed to send out a letter to these residents.

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NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 09-007– Amend Gambling Tax Ordinance – The public hearing was opened at 7:59 p.m. After some discussion the public hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Neopost Postage Machine Contract Renewal – Councilmember Gay moved to approve the 3 year contract for \$287.40 for 36 months and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Catherine Clerf – Ms. Clerf explained the energy program under USDA RD on energy conservation. All entities in a county under 50,000 population qualify for this stimulus program. A group of professional engineers from Whatcom County will write the grant for free if they get the contract to implement this energy program. She suggests a workshop for at least ½ hour with council on this subject. It is a two step, two year program.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of February Payroll and March Draws – Checks #7392 to #7404, #882091 to #882101, and #993091 to #993093 for \$28,418.24 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Approval of March Bills – Checks #13079 to #13096 for \$153,607.71 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Camarata and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Water Rights – Mayor Huber explained he has contacted Bob Clerf about the Warm Springs Contract renewal that expires in 2013.

Third Street Pipe – The TIB grant project for the Third Street pipe replacement will begin in the next week or so.

Stimulus Grants – We may receive up to \$30,000 on a DOT stimulus grant that can be used on Patrick, Main, and/or First Streets.

Fire Department Truck – The Fire Department received a donated truck that needs some repairs.

Community Hall Roof – Public Works Lead Bosch has patched the roof and the mayor will be meeting with a roofing company later this week.

Backhoe Tires – The tires on the backhoe have a bulge in them. They cost \$1,200 to replace but there is only \$1,300 left in the street budget.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION

UGA – Councilmember Turpin explained the county has to do their work before this can be approved. Mayor Huber has a meeting with the county commissioners this week.

Personnel Advisory Committee – This committee will meet next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Finance Meeting – Councilmember Turpin explained we haven't had a budget finance meeting yet.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the March 10, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Frederick Huber _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____