

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2009**

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., March 24, 2009. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Camarata, and Gay. Councilmember Alvord and Turpin were absent.

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

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2009, regular meeting and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Alvord and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Huber – Streets to be paved

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the revised agenda and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Police Department – Chief Studer is in the process of applying for a cop grant which is a 3 year program and the city has to commit to a 4th year that the city will pay for. This is a direct federal grant through the Department of Justice.

The new code enforcer will be going to some training in the near future.

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour handed out the proposed interlocal reciprocal borrowing agreement between all cities' public libraries in Kittitas County. The library board would like to continue this agreement. This will be on the April 14 agenda for council approval.

April 26, 2009, the 25 plus 1 anniversary for the city library will hold a celebration.

Staff Reports – See public works handout in packet. Mayor Huber explained the county proposed \$1,511 to charge us to stripe some of the streets. Council agreed to table this until the next meeting.

Operating Engineer Paving Project -- Councilmember Camarata moved to approve paving Clark Street from Railroad to Patrick Avenue and Okanogan Street from Patrick to 2nd Street and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

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Councilmember Gay suggested the engineers explain why some streets are being paved before others. He also explained the main reason is because quite a few of the streets have pipeline replacement work that needs to be done prior to paving them.

Delinquent Report – See handout.

Treasurer Report – See handout.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Community Hall Grant – Mayor Huber explained Cal Jordan will write the grant initially at no charge but if his agency isn't chosen by the city to do the work he will charge the city \$1,000 for the grant writing. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve Cal Jordan writing the planning only grant if there is no charge and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Park Agreement and Costs -- Councilmember Gay moved to approve a proposal to the state parks for \$2,000 per year for park maintenance on the Iron Horse State Park and Wilson Park and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Hiring of ¾ time Code Enforcement Officer – Mayor Huber explained there was one application received for this new position. Councilmember Gay moved to approve hiring Les Peratrovich for 30 hours per week at step 32A which is \$16.83 per hour or \$2187.37 per month plus benefits and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Policy/Memo on Contacting the City Attorney – Councilmember Gay suggested Mayor Huber write a memo directing any contact with the city attorney.

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NEW BUSINESS

2009 Engineering Services Selection – There were two firms that responded to the Request for Proposal for 2009 engineering services. They are Gray & Osborne and Eastside Consultants. Councilmember Gay moved to approve hiring Gray & Osborne and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Business Licensing – Business Licensing through the state for city licensing is now an option with a \$2,000 grant the state is offering. Council would like more information on this before making a decision. Any questions are to be directed to the city clerk/treasurer.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of March Bills – Checks #13097 to #13122 and #770228 for \$15,167.12 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

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MAYORS REPORT

WWTP Employee Larry Jackson – Larry passed his WWTP certification 1 exam for the WWTP.

Kittitas County Law & Justice Council – Councilmember Camarata offered to be the city representative for this council.

City Hall Office Hours – Mayor Huber explained the office will have to be closed Thursday, March 26, as Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb has requested this day off along with Friday, March 27.

Bruce Wilson Trailer Park – Mayor Huber explained Bruce Wilson possibly will sell the corner at Main and Patrick.

Water Rights – Mayor Huber met with the Clerk’s this morning. They want to continue to sell water to the City of Kittitas but at an increased price and for the city to maintain the pipeline. They would like 20 years of inflation figured into the increased cost. Their attorney will be sending a proposal to the city attorney.

County Commissioner Meeting – Mayor Huber met with County Commissioner Crankovich and they set up a meeting with CTED regarding the UGA issue.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

City Hall Remodeling – Councilmember Gilmour suggested we get more information on this loan. USDA RD still hasn’t given the city final approval.

City Hall Hot Water Heater – Councilmember Gilmour explained he will replace the hot water heater at City Hall.

Community Hall Roof – Mayor Huber explained he received a quote on the Community Hall Roof and will bring it to Council at a later date.

Audit – Councilmember Gilmour asked why we haven’t heard on the audit yet.

COG Meeting – Councilmember Camarata explained the commissioners said they would help us with the UGA issue. Also, the county COG grant 2009 application will be coming out in April for us to apply for additional COG money.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Camarata moved to adjourn the March 24, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 3 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Huber _____

Attest: Clerk/Treasurer _____