

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009**

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., August 11, 2009. Councilmembers present: Turpin, Gilmour, Camarata, and Gay. Councilmember Alvord was absent.

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

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Alvord and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2009, regular meeting. Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Turpin -- Grant

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Marylou Gilmour explained the Summer Reading Program is now over and they had 42 children registered. They read 181 books and 8 chapter books.

The number of library users has increased and 29 new users since the first of the year.

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the surplus list and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

The city received a letter from RSVP stating they are not interested in an agreement with the City.

September 2nd there will be a Kittitas County Regional Library Board Meeting at Community Hall.

The library would like to know if the city is helping them with their funding in 2010. There is a question how much the county will fund the library next year. Councilmember Turpin thinks the city should be funding the library. Councilmember Gilmour moved to have the city pay the utilities and labor & industries starting today. Councilmember Turpin requested to wait until the next meeting and add it to the agenda. Councilmember Gilmour moved to table this motion.

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Marylou Gilmour also explained she talked with Ed Allemand last night from AA and they are concerned whether or not they are going to be able to continue to meet at the Community Hall. The library doesn't have a problem with AA using the library for their meetings if necessary.

Police Department – Chief Studer is requesting a leave of absence for about 18 days. He will use what vacation time he has and the remainder will be unpaid time. Officer Nierman will be in charge during this time.

The police department is still writing quite a few code violations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kittitas Co. Sheriff's Office/Interlocal Agreement – This agreement will be on a year to year basis. Councilmember Gay asked if the agreement could reflect a total of \$9,999 which is the amount of the grant the city is receiving. Using the 3/10's fund or the police budget is a possibility to cover the remainder \$2,000. This will cover routine patrol through the end of the year among other items. Chief Studer explained the county indicated pretty much anything he asks for the city will get under this agreement. The city did not receive the grant for the extra officer. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this agreement for \$12,000 for July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 yes and Councilmember Turpin and Gilmour voting no. Mayor Huber broke the tie with a yes vote.

Fireworks Policy – Chief Carbajal would like to see fireworks limited to July 1 through July 4 and New Years. In addition, we can charge \$100 permit fee by adopting an ordinance. It would take affect one year after it is adopted. Councilmember Turpin would like to limit the timeframe more and moved to table this. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Camarata voting no.

Councilmember Gilmour thanked Chief Carbajal for cleaning up the aid car.

Anonymous Complaints – Councilmember Turpin asked how this affects the Council Rules of Procedure and believes valid complaints should be done on a complaint form. Councilmember Gilmour suggested we just file these anonymous complaints. Council agreed.

Moving City Hall – Mayor Huber explained for six months a temporary trailer would cost \$4,156, the Heistand Building just for the fire truck is \$2,700 for six months, and for City Hall and the truck would be \$4,500 for six months. Mayor Huber explained the payment on the Clerf Building could be used for rent expense out of the Cumulative Reserve Fund #123. Mayor Huber is concerned with not having the Community Hall available for the community. The police department would need an evidence room also. Councilmember Turpin reminded council about the cost of moving phone lines etc. The Clerf Building will be paid off through the USDA RD loan. The amount currently budgeted for the Clerf Building will not be spent once the building is paid off and this money can be used for the rental expense. Councilmember Gilmour suggested putting off the project until spring of next year. The CDBG grant and USDA RD grant/loan are time sensitive.

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Councilmember Gay would like to rent the Heistand Building for the fire truck and move City Hall and the Police Department into the Community Hall with some improvements. Councilmember Turpin moved to approve renting the Heistand Building for \$750 per month for City Hall, the Police Department, and the Fire Department. Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 2 yes and Councilmember Gilmour and Gay voting no. Mayor Huber broke the tie with a yes vote.

NEW BUSINESS

CTED Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant – This grant could be for windows, insulation, heating etc. Councilmember Turpin moved to approve having Cal Jordan apply for this grant and to include Community Hall along with City Hall and the Fire Department. There would not be a fee up front to write the grant but Cal Jordan's fee for the project would increase if the grant is received and the same fee schedule would be followed in the contract the city has with him. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Symplified Technologies Grant – Councilmember Turpin suggested the library be included in this grant along with the Community Hall.

Small Communities and Rural Grant Application – This \$100,000 grant will be added to the next agenda as it is due September 8th.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of July Payroll and August Draws – Checks #7453 to #7465, #E887091 to #E887101, and #E998091 to #E998092 for \$36,157.24 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of August Bills – Checks #13343 to #13373 and E777091 for \$24,968.02 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Turpin and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Car Show – Mayor Huber thanked all those that attended and helped out with the car show. Councilmember Gay would like to say thank you to Ty and Brenda McPherson for all of their work.

WWTP Pump – There is a 10 year old backwash pump for the aqua filter that has broken down at the WWTP. WWTP Operator Howard is having trouble getting 3 bids on this. A new pump is about \$2,300. The worn out pump needs to be reconditioned for an extra pump in stock. Councilmember Gay asked if Gray & Osborne has been notified and thinks they should be.

Public Works Overtime – Public Works Lead Bosch salary is close to going over budget because of overtime. Mayor Huber explained we might need to hire a part-time employee to help him.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Interfund Loan Transfer – Councilmember Turpin explained he now understands the interfund loan transfer and appreciated the information he received on it.

Dog Licenses – Councilmember Gilmour explained he has had a lot of complaints on dog licensing.

Farmview – Councilmember Gilmour doesn't think they should be building yet. The two buildings being built right now were approved by our planner, Lisa Parks, as they are following the zoning code. The remainder of Farmview will need to have a re-plat done since they are changing the original plans. Councilmember Turpin asked if the developers could come to the council meetings to explain their projects. Council would like a summary from our planner on projects. Another issue is whether or not to start charging developers at the pre-application stage. Right now the city foots the bill prior to the application which is the pre-application stage.

Union Negotiations – Negotiations will start the end of September and should be in executive session.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the August 11, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Frederick Huber _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____