

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009**

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., October 13, 2009. Councilmembers present: Turpin, Gilmour, Camarata, and Gay.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2009, regular meeting. Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Resolution 09-019R – UGA

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

Bev Allphin – Has Council thought what to do about the cat issue in the City. Mayor Huber explained she should come into City Hall and talk to the Code Enforcer.

Bev Allphin – She thinks the City should start having town meetings.

Richard Hink Jr. – There is a low propane alarm going off inside an empty city residence at 107 South Okanogan Street.

Karen Gustafson – She has heard two rumors in the past two weeks about a \$400,000 deficit and would like an explanation. The mayor explained it is a rumor that is incorrect.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Marylou Gilmour explained story time started today and is Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

The Regional Library Board meets with the Commissioners tomorrow to review the 2010 budget requests at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Terry Leader has resigned as a library board member so there is a vacant position. They would like to find someone outside of the city for this position.

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

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Economic Development Group – Ron Cridlebaugh discussed a comprehensive development study for the entire county that was completed by a consulting firm. They have put together several goals for everyone in the county to work towards. They are baseline activities, working with Central Washington University, recreational tourism, priority sectors, talent development, and organizational considerations. They will send the City a resolution for support of this.

He also explained they would like to have business after hours in the City of Kittitas.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 09-019R – Urban Growth Area – Councilmember Gay moved to approve this resolution and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Review/Discuss 2010 Budget – Councilmember would like to have a study session on the 2010 budget next Tuesday the 20th at 6:00 p.m. Department heads can attend if they would like. Councilmember Gilmour requested that the candidates running for the open council positions be invited to attend. It will be an open public meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 09-017 – PUD Franchise Agreement – The public hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m. After some discussion the public hear was closed at 7:37 p.m. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of September Payroll and October Draws – Checks #7482 to #7495, #E771091, E771093, #E889091 to #E889101, and #E991011 to #E991012 for \$38,522.91 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. Check #7484 was voided. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Turpin voted no.

Approval of September Bills – Checks #13434 to #13465, #E770920 to #E770921, #E770930, and #E771092 for \$112,711.99 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Turpin and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Small Cities Rural County Grant – The City has been awarded a \$290,000 grant from Public Works Trust Fund. This will go towards the City Hall/Fire Station Remodel. We are still waiting to see if we will get the \$135,000 energy grant that was applied for. In addition, Puget Sound Energy might be awarding money to the Fire Department HVAC system.

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Farmview – Today was the hearing examiner public hearing for the Farmview development off of Clark Street on Pacific Loop. They will develop 28 townhouses. The hearing examiner will have his decision and comments to the City within 10 days.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

City Hall Remodel – The next step in the City Hall/Fire Department remodel will be to go to bid. The City will be its own general contractor to save money. Copies of the plans are available at City Hall.

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Union Negotiations – Councilmember Gay suggested we start union negotiations. The mayor hasn't heard back from the union representative. Council would like to have an executive session at the next meeting and have the union representative attend. Councilmember Turpin suggested having the candidates running for council, Tony Helland, Rick Hink, and Pat Alvord, be invited to attend this executive session. The mayor suggested we contact our attorney on this issue.

Flag – Councilmember Turpin explained he received an email from someone who said the flag in the Community Hall is backwards. Councilmember Gay fixed it.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Turpin moved to adjourn the October 13, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Frederick Huber

Clerk/Treasurer
