

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2009**

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 6:00 p.m., October 20, 2009. Councilmembers present; Turpin, Gay, Gilmour, and Camarata.

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Some budget issues discussed were:

- We need to get an estimate on audit costs
- Kittcom most likely will have an increase
- Prisoner costs were questioned as to whether they are suppose to come out of fund 102 (3/10's)
- The city assistance for 2010 should be \$16,752 but we will verify it
- Police fuel costs are under budget in 2009
- Fund 102 (3/10's) will have to be closely monitored year to year
- There will be an interlocal agreement with the sheriff's office next year only if more grant money is received
- The fire department hasn't replacement equipment for over 10 years
- A hold harmless and mutual aid agreement needs to be established with Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue
- With a mutual aid agreement KVFR will bring equipment of "like kind" on calls
- Chief Carbajal stressed the importance of upgrading equipment and training of the volunteers
- The chief will prioritize the equipment between 2010 and 2011
- The fire department has lost four volunteers
- We need to keep up on street maintenance if we are going to continue to pave city streets
- Public Works Lead Bosch's work truck needs some major repairs and it was suggested checking with the state on a pickup
- If the money is available it was suggested to possibly experiment on Lewis Street with a new product available for about \$2,300
- Councilmember Turpin asked why WWTP Operator Bach isn't able to help with the street maintenance
- WWTP Operator Howard explained she will be more available once she passed her test
- Councilmember Gay possibly has a used laptop for the street department
- Councilmember Gay suggested negotiating on the part time helper for the streets
- The library submitted a revised budget
- They are in need of new computers and Councilmember Gay is willing to help them
- The county would like to see the city give funds to the library
- Our engineer, Jeff Stevens, suggested we budget \$10,000 at a minimum for water rights legal fees in 2010
- Fund 404 can be used carefully for major repairs but is needed as a reserve for major water/sewer issues like lift station repairs and water line repairs that can be hundreds of thousands of dollars
- Water meters are good for about 10 years and our engineer suggested upgrading these a little bit each year
- Council agreed to change the meter replacements to \$10,000
- Does water/sewer repair and maintenance need to be increased
- The water tank needs to be cleaned and isn't budgeted and will cost about \$5,000
- Councilmember Turpin asked if Council thinks the B&O Tax in the general fund will be able to be reduced

