

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

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

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Fire Chief Carbajal, and Police Officer Nierman.

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2009, regular meeting and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 yes and 0 no.

ELECTING AND SWEARING IN NEW MAYOR AND COUNCIL POSITIONS

Tony Helland was sworn into office for council position 2 by Mayor Huber. John Camarata was sworn into office for mayor by outgoing Mayor Huber.

There were five candidates for the two open council positions 3 and 4. They were Linda Huber, Coy Lovell, Rick Hink, Sean Turpin, and Mel Wilson Jr. Mayor Camarata explained the process stating all the candidates are pooled, voted on, sworn in, and this is repeated for the 2nd position per the attorney's recommendation. The appointed positions must be sworn in now and again after the first of the year. After each candidate spoke, Councilmember Gay requested an executive session. Council agreed 3 yes and 0 no.

MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED COUNCIL WILL GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:12 P.M. FOR 10 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION OF THE TWO COUNCIL POSITIONS.

MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE RECONVENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:20 P.M.

Mayor Camarata stated no decisions were made in executive session. The roll call vote was as follows:

Councilmember Helland voted for Coy Lovell, Councilmember Gilmour voted for Sean Turpin, and Councilmember Gay voted for Linda Huber. Mayor Camarata broke the tie voting for Linda Huber. Since Linda Huber had the most votes, she was sworn into office for council position 3 by Mayor Camarata.

Councilmember Gay requested an executive session. Council agreed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED COUNCIL WILL GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:23 P.M. FOR 5 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE ELECTION OF THE REMAINING COUNCIL POSITION.

MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE RECONVENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:27 P.M.

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Mayor Camarata stated no decisions were made in executive session.

The remaining four candidates were then voted on as follows: Councilmember Helland voted for Coy Lovell, Councilmember Gilmour voted for Rick Hink, Councilmember Gay voted for Coy Lovell, and Councilmember Huber voted for Coy Lovell. Since Coy Lovell had the most votes, he was sworn into office for council position 4 by Mayor Camarata.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Gay requested to move the Mission Statement to December 8, 2009.

The revised agenda was moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion was approved 5 yes and 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

Sean Turpin – Asked why the Council keeps violating their Rules of Procedures by not adhering to them. He claims the positions were not advertised correctly since there wasn't a deadline on submitting the letters of interest for the positions.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Treasurer's Report – See handout.

Fire Department Report – Chief Carbajal gave explanations to the questions Rick Hink asked at the last meeting in a handout given to Council in their packets. He also explained one of the volunteers did so well on his training that he was hired by the county as a reserve.

They will be taking off the metal roof at the Fire Department on Friday and Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and need volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Final Budget Public Hearing/Ordinance #09-020 – The public hearing was opened at 7:34 p.m.

Marylou Gilmour – She asked why the budget would be passed when there are three new council members. It was noted they all have been given a copy of the draft budget the prior week. After some discussion the public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m. Councilmember Gilmour moved to table this to the next meeting. Council agreed 5 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

COG Proposed Changes/Council Recommendation – Mayor Camarata explained the discussion COG had at their last meeting on November 18th. The proposal was presented to COG that would raise the population

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allocation. COG needs the City of Kittitas approval before adopting the resolution. The consulting firm hired by the county recommended this. Councilmember Gilmour explained he doesn't understand this but stated Future Wise explained this isn't going to work. He is wondering who is right and who is wrong. Councilmember Gay explained our planner has this population allocation number supported also and explained this is a future projection of the population. Councilmember Huber stated this is the work the consulting firm has been doing the past several months. Mayor Camarata explained if this passes COG at tomorrow's meeting then it will go in front on the County Commissioners December 8, 9, and 10. Councilmember Gay moved to support the proposed changes to the County COG Resolution for Population Allocation and Councilmember Huber seconded this motion. This motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of November Bills – Checks #13513 to #13536 and #771116 for \$17,775.02 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Huber. Councilmember Huber asked if it is appropriate for the new council members to vote. Council agreed the expenditures were approved in the 2009 budget. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

UGA – Councilmember Gilmour would like to see Mayor Camarata attend the County discussions on the UGA.

Union Negotiations – Councilmember Gilmour asked what the status is on the union contract. The new council members will receive a copy of the draft contract and it will be on the December 8 council meeting agenda.

Bridge – Councilmember Gay wrote a letter to the State Department of Parks asking for help in removing the bridge by the John Wayne Trail before winter is over. Our equipment is unable to reach the middle of the creek. They have already agreed to install a new bridge and culvert. This area has major flooding issues.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the November 24, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Camarata _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____