

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2009**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., December 22, 2009. Councilmembers present: Helland, Huber, Gilmour, Lovell, and Gay.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2009, regular meeting and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. Councilmember Gilmour asked why DOE would have to be consulted about the city well. Councilmember Huber explained anything to do with water or wastewater needs to involve Department of Ecology. The motion was approved 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Treasurer's Report – See handout. Councilmember Gay asked if the Cumulative Reserve account is going to be ok at year end. On ordinance 09-021, 2009 budget amendments, there is an additional transfer to this fund because of its low balance.

Councilmember Huber believes the library is in good shape with its ending balance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 09-021 – 2009 Final Budget Amendments – The public hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m. After some discussion, Councilmember Gay moved to approve paying off Capmark Loan #01-0585204 on the water tower for \$15,208.78 and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. This would save the city around \$500 in interest to be paid. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of December Bills – Councilmember Gilmour asked why we hired someone to blow out the wastewater treatment plant sprinkler system since we already have two employees working at the wastewater treatment plant. Mayor Camarata will check with WWTP Foreman Howard on this. Councilmember Helland asked how the rest of our sprinkler systems in the parks get blown out. Councilmember Gay suggested maybe they don't have the correct equipment to do this. Councilmember Gilmour offered for them to use one of his air compressors in the future to do this. Checks #13559 to #13584 and #771131 for \$38,222.23 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Lovell. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7:16 P.M. MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED COUNCIL WILL GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 30 MINUTES TO DISCUSS THE PLANNING AND ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGY TO BE TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL DURING THE COURSE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND NEGOTIATIONS

7:43 P.M. – MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE RECONVENE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Camarata stated there was a proposal made to the union which was represented by the union representative, Wayne Johnson.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission – They informed the mayor they will build a new bridge over Coleman Creek near the wastewater treatment plant and clean the channel once they receive environmental clearance by March 15, 2010.

Law & Justice Council Meeting – They proposed to research the 3/10's to see how it is performing. The City representative needs to be a council member for this committee. Council will need to appoint someone.

City Hall and Fire Station Remodel – We are hoping to go to bid in January. Cal Jordan is currently working on the "go green" portion that was added to the project with the Small Cities Rural Counties grant we received.

Storm Water Meeting – Mayor Camarata is sending Public Works Lead Bosch to this meeting in January.

WWTP Project Fine Screen – There were 18 contractors at the pre-bid walk through today. The bids will open on January 7th and at the January 12th council meeting Gray & Osborne will make the suggestion what contractor to hire. We hope to have the general contractor on board by February 17th.

