

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., January 26, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Helland, Huber, and Lovell.

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

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2010, regular meeting. Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Approval of the Fire Department Roof Bid.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the amended agenda and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – Nancy Morter presented the Gray & Osborne construction administration contract for the WWTP Remodel/Fine Screen Project for \$65,292. Councilmember Gilmour asked if the pumps would be burning up if the tanks had been cleaned once or twice a year over the last five years. Nancy Morter explained it really depends on what kind of waste is coming in as to how often the tanks should be cleaned. The engineers recommend the tanks be cleaned once a year or every other year but varies on what kind of waste there is. This project will resolve the majority of this issue in the future. Councilmember Gay moved to approve the Gray & Osborne construction administration contract for the WWTP Fine Screen Project based on our attorney approval. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Treasurer's Report – See Handout.

Police Department – Chief Studer asked if Council had any questions on his recommended changes to title 6.02 regarding dog penalties. Councilmember Gay would like to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting. Council agreed.

McKenzie Harrison – Ms. Harrison explained to Council how she would like to lease the Community Hall during the daytime for a preschool/afterschool program. She is currently working with Fire Chief Carbajal and Building Inspector Michelle Geiger as to whether it is possible and what improvements she would have to make to the building for state code. It would also have to go to the state fire inspector. She would like to

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provide affordable child care and also on an hourly basis. There are a lot of improvements that need to be made for this to happen. She also has discussed this with Marylou Gilmour regarding the library usage during the daytime.

The Fire Chief and the Building Inspector both have issued letters stating several improvements would need to be made. Councilmember Huber explained we need to decide whether this building is for the community as a community center or a place to generate income and also explained she wouldn't legally be able to make the improvements to the building as a private citizen.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7:50 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION – 20 MINUTES – WARM SPRINGS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

8:10 P.M. MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 10 MINUTES.

8:20P.M. – MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE RECONVENE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

No decisions were made in the executive session. Councilmember Huber moved to approving Mr. Martin to pursue the value of water rights on the City's behalf and Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 Pro Tem Mayor – Councilmember Huber moved to approve Jeff Gay as the 2010 Pro Tem Mayor and Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Fire Department Roof Bid – Councilmember Huber asked for Cal Jordan to come to a council meeting for an update on the Fire Department/City Hall Project. Councilmember Huber moved to approve hiring Meyers Roofing Solutions for \$34,891 for the Fire Department Roof and also Meyers Roofing Solutions for the Fire Department Roof Sheathing for \$9,158. Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. (Note: the parapet portion of the roof will be under the contractor contract and the parapet CAP is optional to be decided later).

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of December and January Bills -- Checks #13636 to #13653 and #E771220 to #E771222 for \$23,449.33 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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MAYORS REPORT

Sewer Pipe – A sewer line that has been plugged with roots which we had to jet out needs more roots removed. Wastewater Treatment Plant Foreman Howard tv'd the line and made this determination.

County – The county will be receiving the funds for the Kittitas Highway Improvement Project. They will be putting in a 48' wide roadway from Ellensburg to Kittitas and also will be adding bike lanes. This will hopefully be starting in 2012. The City would like them to come all the way to the high school so the City needs to look into getting grants for this.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Library Computers – Councilmember Gay is working with Marylou Gilmour on getting computers for the library.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Helland moved to adjourn the January 26, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

Clerk/Treasurer
