

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 23, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., February 23, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Helland, Huber, and Lovell.

Staff present was WWTP Operator Brenda Bach for Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2010, regular meeting. Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Councilmember Gilmour – New Business

Councilmember Helland 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**

**Census Bureau Update – Francis Town** with the Census Bureau reported the following information:

- Some Governmental Revenue is based on the Census population count.
- Schools need to share the Census information to the students.
- The forms must be delivered to a physical address. No post office boxes allowed.
- The jobs created by the Census pay up to \$13.00 per hour.
- The Census information needs to be passed on to the general public.
- They request no personal information by email.
- The information is locked away for 72 years.

**Treasurer's Report – See Handout.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Fire Department/City Hall Remodel Decision on Remaining Options** – There is an estimated surplus of funds in the amount of \$85,031. Mayor Camarata is recommending to Council the following options. Public Works Addition for \$63,769, Apparatus Bay GWB Ceiling for \$7,501, Compressed Air Piping for \$4,050, and Solo tubes (Skylights) LEED for \$11,475. These four options total \$86,795. Discussion was as follows:

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- Some Councilmembers felt it was too early to allocate these extra funds.
- Councilmember Gilmour would like to see the public works shop done and metal doors and lights.
- Councilmember Huber stated there has never been a shop on Main Street and doesn't believe that is the place for the grader.
- Councilmember Gay, Huber, and Helland would like to keep the extra money for cost over runs.
- Councilmember Gay also doesn't believe City Hall is the place for the city shop.
- Councilmember Lovell would like to wait for the bids to come out before making any decisions.
- Councilmember Lovell would also like to see the public works shop completed.

Public Works Addition – Councilmembers Lovell, Helland, and Gilmour voted yes. Councilmember Huber and Gay voted no.

Solo tubes/Skylights and Apparatus Bay – Council voted 5 yes and 0 no.

Tile in Bathrooms, Air Piping, and Key Pad Security – Council voted 5 no and 0 yes.

Council also agreed to NO cement cutting – 5 no and 0 yes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve a budget amendment for \$1,851 to be allocated back into the Community Hall budget for maintenance. Motion failed due to no second.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of February Bills** – Checks #13686 to #13709, #E770110, and #E770218 for \$29,206.77 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Sidewalk Project** – The sidewalk project on Main Street will go to bid in April and start in June.

**Water Rights Research** – Council agreed to the \$18,750 cost of water rights research.

**Grants** -- Some possible grants the Mayor is looking into are for sidewalks enhancements from the John Wayne Trail to the freeway and also to tie Patrick Street to the Kittitas Highway remodel project.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Library Computers** – Councilmember Gay ordered the two computers for the Library.

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**Councilmember Gilmour** – Asked why both of the WWTP Operators are driving around together when one person can do the job. He was instructed this is an administrative item and to contact the Mayor outside of the Council Meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Helland moved to adjourn the February 23, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lovell. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

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Clerk/Treasurer

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