

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

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

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 March 9, 2010, regular meeting. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Change Order on Community Hall to New Business

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Treasurer's Report – See Handout.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Community Hall CDBG Planning Only Grant/Public Hearing – The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. Marylou Gilmour passed out a letter of support from the Library Board to be submitted with the CDBG Grant Application. Councilmember Gilmour offered to ask the Hunter Safety Course to also write a letter of support. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m. Councilmember Huber moved to approve resolution 10-003R to move forward with this 2nd grant application and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Discussion of 2010 Water/Sewer Rates – Councilmember Gilmour doesn't believe we should raise our rates 2%. Councilmember Gay and Huber believe this is necessary to keep up with inflation. Councilmember Helland doesn't want to see the rates go up but believes it may be necessary because of costs of maintenance and upkeep. Councilmember Lovell agrees the 2% needs to be adopted at the next meeting.

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Change Orders on Fire Department Roof for Meyer Roofing Solutions – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$9,158 and Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Councilmember Huber would like to check with Cal Jordan on the bid and change order process.

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve change order #2 in the amount of \$6,209 and Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

After some discussion, Council agreed that change order #3 on the Community Hall roof was approved at the March 9th Council meeting.

City/County Library Services 2010 Agreement – Councilmember Huber believes we should not accept this as we are the only city the county didn't fund as much as the prior years. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this agreement. Councilmember Huber moved to table this agreement and Council agreed. Councilmember Huber explained in 1996 the county commissioners approved to give 40% of the city's library budget for each of the 4 libraries when they created the Kittitas County Regional Library Board.

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Surplus of Dodge Intrepid – Councilmember Helland moved to approve the surplus of the Dodge Intrepid and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Selection of 2010 City Engineer – After some discussion, Councilmember Huber moved to approve the hiring of Gray & Osborne as the general city engineer for 2010 and Councilmember Lovell seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gay abstaining.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of March Bills – Checks #13736 to #13753 and #E770126 for \$91,176.81 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Lovell and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Benton Street Lift Station – The bid to replace the parts on the lift station is about \$25,000. The Mayor needs to discuss this with Gray & Osborne.

COG Grant Application – The mayor emailed Mike Meskimen on what their opinion is on what project to apply for. We could do the extension of the south end sewer or sidewalks on south Main and storm drains. The application is due in May so we need to decide soon. The decision from the Eastern Washington Hearings Board on approval of our UGA won't be for about another 30 days.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION

John Wayne Trail Bridge – Councilmember Gay explained the state will take out this bridge in April and re-route traffic for about a year or until funding is available.

Community Hall Roof – Councilmember Gilmour would like to install a roof vent in the Community Hall roof for better ventilation.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gilmour moved to adjourn the March 23, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

Clerk/Treasurer
