

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., May 11, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Helland, and Huber.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Police Officer Nierman.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2010. Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the agenda and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Chairperson Becky Bosch reported the annual report is done.

They also raised around \$200 on their bake food sale.

The issues are getting worked out of the new computers.

Police Department – The WASPC report shows crime down 54% on average in the City of Kittitas. More information is available at www.waspc.org. Officer Nierman believes this is attributed to Chief Studer, increased staff, and the county support.

Kruisin Kittitas Car Show – Brenda McPherson is requesting approval for the 2010 car show that is held every August. It will be the 14th this year. The agenda is pretty much the same as the previous years. This is the 9th year this event has taken place. The services from the city they will need are police, fire, and blocking off the areas needed for the car show and parade. The city insurance does cover sponsored events according to Canfield & Associates. The burn out rules are strict and posted on the website at www.cityofkittitas.com. In the past 8 years there have not been any incidents of any kind. Councilmember Helland requested that passengers not be allowed in the vehicles participating. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this car show and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. Officer Nierman suggested if we have much more growth we might consider a stationery burn out sometime in the future. Councilmember Huber suggested getting more participation in the parade. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Job Descriptions – WWTP Operator – Councilmember Gilmour asked why the WWTP employees are doing tasks that they haven't done before. Councilmember Helland believes there is a move to separate streets and water/sewer and agrees this needs to be done. He says it needs to be defined specifically. He believes the certified level 1 job description is fine the way it is in his opinion. He also believes this employee needs to stay at the plant because the reason this employee was hired was because two people were needed at the plant and this is what the job description states. Councilmember Huber believes the current job descriptions in place need to be compared to the ones the Mayor is presenting. The Mayor explained separating streets from water and sewer needs to be done. Councilmember Gilmour said originally he was told the WWTP Foreman was just a title change and now the Union, in his opinion from the Union email, is stating it comes with a lot of authority. Mayor Camarata explained there are five levels – Manager, Supervisor (both are the Mayor), Foreman (assigns jobs but doesn't hire/fire), Lead (most experienced in the job), and Laborer. Councilmember Gilmour believes the code needs to be changed as the Clerk's job description is in it. Councilmember Helland believes the only time streets should be involved in water/sewer is if a piece of equipment needs to be brought in. He also explained the water department should not be operating any equipment (backhoe, road grader, etc) as they are not qualified equipment operators. Councilmember Huber explained with three employees in public works we won't be able to keep everything separate at all times. Councilmember Gay explained the street department has no money so we want to be careful in cutting that employee totally out of the water/sewer budget. Council agreed as a whole the bickering between the street department and the water/sewer department needs to stop.

Councilmember Huber suggested setting a study session to continue this discussion at 6:00 p.m. on May 25 and Council agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #10-006 2010 Fireworks Regulations – The public hearing was opened at 7:43 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:44 p.m. Councilmember Helland believes this is too restrictive.

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Council would like the Fire Chief to attend the first council meeting in June along with a recommendation from the Police Department on a time frame to use fireworks. Councilmember Huber moved to table this ordinance to the first meeting in June. Council agreed 4 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #10-007 2010 Budget Amendments -- The public hearing was opened at 7:50 p.m. Richard Hink Jr. supports this. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve these amendments and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

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Approval of April Payroll and May Draws – Checks #7573 to #7582, #E995101 to #E995103, #E884101 to #E884114, and #E884301 for \$36,876.40 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of May Bills – Checks #13810 to #13834 and E770503 for \$26,144.53 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Checks #13827 and #13833 were voided.

MAYORS REPORT

Paving – The Operating Engineers have started the paving project.

WWTP Fine Screen – MRM Construction has started the fine screen project.

UGA – We still haven't heard anything on the UGA.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

John Wayne Trail Riders – Councilmember Gilmour asked if the Mayor could stop and say hi to these riders. He will get the date to the Mayor when they are scheduled to arrive.

Council Position – Councilmember Gilmour asked when the council position will be on the agenda. Mayor Camarata explained it will be on the next council agenda.

Trees by the new Bridge – Councilmember Huber had some concern with the trees being too close to the road down by the new bridge. She thinks they look good but is wondering if they will be hanging out into the street when they get full grown.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the May 11, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

Clerk/Treasurer
