

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2010**

WORKSHOP 6:00 P.M. – REVIEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., May 25, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, and Helland.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Chief Carbajal, Officer Nierman and Officer Taylor.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Huber and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

ELECTION AND SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBER

Richard Hink Sr. is the only applicant applying for this position. Councilmember Gay suggested to be open minded and optimistic. Richard Hink explained he would like to see the city succeed but at the same time would not like to hurt the taxpayers. He would like to see more businesses come to our city. He says he would vote to raise taxes if there is a just cause as this possibly could drive people out of town. He also stated there are two sides to every story and believes state law and rules have changed over time.

Councilmember Helland explained there have been times when Council made unpopular decisions. He would like to make sure Rick Hink will be able to do this. He also believes there is a perception that one side of Council is against the other and wants to make sure Rick understands this.

Councilmember Gay asked Rick Hink what kind of economic development plan he has. He explained he would like to see the south end of the city get into the UGA.

The election went as follows: Richard Hink received the vote of Councilmembers Gilmour and Helland. Councilmember Gay voted no. He was sworn into office by Mayor Camarata.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2010, regular meeting. Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

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PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

Bev Allphin – She was wondering if we have anything in the beautification budget at Patrick Avenue and Main Street. She thinks river rock and some shrubs might be a good idea. Councilmember Hink asked if we could replace a few of them.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Treasurer's Report – See Handout.

Fire Department – Chief Carbajal explained the fireworks ordinance is being reviewed by the attorney.

Police Department – Interim Chief Nierman reported Chief Studer retired and there are two positions to be advertised – the chief and a code enforcement officer. Mayor Camarata explained the ads will be posted on the State criminal justice website.

Councilmember Helland volunteered to be on the hiring committee. Councilmember Gay suggested running the ads for two weeks and interview after that. Applications will close on June 18, 2010, and the interviews will be the last week in June. Council agreed to list the Chief range from \$3,500 to \$4,500.

Council suggested the Mayor getting a plaque and having a reception for retired Chief Studer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of May Bills – Checks #13835 to #13863 and #E770510 and #E774301 for \$36,170.13 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Check #E770503 was voided.

MAYORS REPORT

Fire Department/City Hall Remodel – Cal Jordan is suggesting putting a bathroom in the storage closet rather than the Police Department and City Hall sharing a bathroom. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this and Councilmember Gay seconded this motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Community Hall Planning Only Grant – The city was approved for this \$24,000 planning grant.

Fine Screen – The fine screen project has been started.

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Street Paving – The street paving has been completed for this year. There are some storm drains and water lines to be put in before more paving is done in the future. The water lines can be done by the City. Gray & Osborne applied for the COG grant for our storm drains.

Grants – Some grants we are looking at are the 3/10's money for the fiddlers and car show advertising, Quadco for a walking trail from Palmiero Park, hotel/motel tax for the John Wayne Trail Riders, and Cal Jordan wrote a USDA RD Grant for the new City Hall energy grant for the hot water heaters.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Equipment Shed – Councilmember Helland suggested looking for a grant for our street equipment. Cal Jordan is presently looking for this.

Chickens – Councilmember Helland asked if the chicken issue has been resolved yet. Councilmember Gay has not heard from them yet.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Helland moved to adjourn the May 25, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____