

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., June 8, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Helland, Hink, 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 Hink moved to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2010. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Huber abstaining.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Gray & Osborne** -- Jeff Stevens gave a progress report on the Main Street Sidewalk Project. This project should be awarded in late July. The city has recently submitted an application to COG for a grant for some storm drains and the review of the COG applications is next week. If this grant is received, this will be included in the project so they won't have to dig up the sidewalks after installing them.

The Operating Engineer Paving Project has been completed.

TIB applications are due in August and Gray & Osborne will be helping with these. They will be looking at the small cities arterial program for Patrick Avenue west of Main Street and also First Avenue. In addition, they are looking at the sidewalk program for Main Street from Railroad Avenue to Caribou Creek Bridge.

Nancy Morter reported the contractor is on site at the Fine Screen Project at the WWTP. This project is a little more difficult because it is an ARRA (stimulus) project. Every single cost including nuts and bolts has to be tracked. The influent pipe that goes into the treatment plant is 8" pipe which was installed during the 1999 – 2000 construction. This line might have to be cleaned out in the future and is about 240'. MRM put together a cost estimate of \$1,307 for a non potable 2" water line with a wash down hose. This would be \$850 additional loan and the remainder grant. The alternative is to string hoses from the treatment plant or the blue building or use a water truck. Councilmember Gilmour asked why they can't use the vac truck. This is another option. There is approximately \$11,000 in the budget for change orders. Jeff Stevens suggested having the line in the trench if Council doesn't want to make a decision tonight on this since we are early into the project and not sure how much if any change orders will be needed. Councilmember Hink moved to approve putting this pipe in the trench with the idea of using this in the future. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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Nancy also explained the shed they are putting up at the project doesn't have a gutter and downspout. This would cost around \$900 for this. The contractor will be finishing up and coming back in August or September for the equipment installation to finish the project. Councilmember Gilmour asked why they are getting paid \$54,583 already. Mobilization includes bonds and any paperwork prior to starting the project. Nancy explained they are getting paid for mobilization, digging de water trench, 12% of the electrical, trench and safety excavation, concrete for the fine screen, metals over the channel, and the remaining materials on hand which is around \$29,000. When the materials arrive we have to pay them for 90% of the total.

**Commissioner Jewell and Deputy Prosecutor Neil Calkins – UGA** – Paul Jewel explained they have received the denial of the expansion request for the City of Kittitas urban growth area by the Eastern Washington Hearings Board. Deputy Prosecutor Neil Calkins explained this board believes the expansion is out of step with the historic growth and the UGA is oversized. The County has filed a motion for reconsideration only for the City of Kittitas issue. The hearings board has 20 days from the filing of the motion to respond to it. If they don't respond it is considered denied. Futurewise also filed a motion for reconsideration on some other issues but not related to the City of Kittitas. If the hearings board denies this then one of the options is to appeal this decision within 30 days of their decision and there are some strong legal arguments. Appeals can take several years for a resolution. In addition, we would need to seek a stay and if this isn't granted then we are under an order of invalidity. If we are successful we would have to go back to the board to fight for the Capital Facilities Plan which they didn't address. Also, we could re-size the UGA to try to satisfy them or leave the UGA the same as it was prior to the original request with no new additions.

Councilmember Gay asked if talking to Joyce Mulliken would shed some light on the other two board members thoughts since she was in favor of the City of Kittitas UGA. Neil Calkins explained this is not an option since this is a Quasi Judicial decision. The board suggested we work with Department of Commerce and the argument there is we already have and they are on board with us.

Councilmember Gilmour asked what we did wrong and believes an option is we give them what they want and go back to the original UGA.

Councilmember Huber explained we can't afford to go back prior to 2007 and we have to go forward for retail.

Neil Calkins explained we could go back to the original three configurations when sizing the UGA.

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The County has not made any decisions at this time. They are the party to the decision but would like the City of Kittitas to make a decision on what they want.

Councilmember Helland doesn't want to compromise and wants to go full steam ahead.

There will need to be a series of public forums (open house) if we choose an alternate route. We have already done our homework on a couple of these options.

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Compliance is due November 22, 2010.

Councilmember Gay would like to resize the UGA if the motion for reconsideration is denied.

A special meeting will tentatively be held next Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. if the Community Hall is available. Council would like Lisa Parks, our planner, to be present.

**Library Board** – Chairperson Becky Bosch explained May was a little slower but it tends to be a slower month of the year in the past.

The Summer Reading Program will start the end of June.

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the surplus list and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

2010 City/County Library Services Agreement – Councilmember Huber explained we are still waiting on the Commissioners to make a decision on our counteroffer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #10-008 Small Works Roster Amended** – The public hearing was opened at 8:10 p.m. After some discussion, the public hearing was closed at 8:11 p.m. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**City Hall/Fire Department Remodel – Additional Restroom** – Mayor Camarata explained they are proposing changing a storage room into an additional restroom. Councilmember Helland doesn't agree with how they calculate their cost on this. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this addition and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Helland voting no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of May Payroll and June Draws** – Checks #7583 to #7594, #E996101 to #E996104, and #E885101 to #E885115 for \$36,038.56 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of June Bills** – Checks #13864 to #13896 for \$81,758.40 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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**MAYORS REPORT**

**June 22 Council Meeting** – Mayor Camarata explained he would like to move the June 22 council meeting to June 29. Council agreed.

**Rodeo Posse Donation** – The Rodeo Posse is requesting a \$75 donation from the City. Council denied this.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**CDL** – The vac truck requires a CDL driver. Councilmember Hink asked if hazmat, air brake, and tanker endorsements are also required. (WWTP Foreman has an air brake and tanker endorsement and a hazmat endorsement isn't required because there isn't a chemical involved). Councilmember Gilmour believes if it isn't broke don't fix it as we have been operating at times without one for a long time.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the June 8, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

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Clerk/Treasurer

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