

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 29, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., June 29, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Huber, and Hink.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Officer Shuart and Officer Nierman

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Helland and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2010, special meeting. Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2010, regular meeting. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2010, special meeting. Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Fire Station/City Hall Remodel – unfinished business

Library Contract – Councilmember Gilmour

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

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS**

Dorothy Nicholas – The dust at the Farmview development is getting bad and the contractors working at the site are driving fast on Clark Street.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Treasurer's Report – See Handout.**

**Police Department** – Officer Nierman explained Officer Shuart is back as a reserve officer.

Undersheriff Clay Myers with the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office gave an update on the Sure Shot robbery that took place a few weeks ago. He explained there were seven officers that responded from various jurisdictions. He doesn't believe it would have made much difference if there was an officer already within

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the City of Kittitas because they wouldn't have known where to go or who to look for. By the time the robbery was reported the suspected was gone. Since then a video is being investigated and the FBI is recommending this video be outsourced to a company in San Diego to enhance it. Because of the nature of the type of property stolen, KCSO believes it calls for discussion in the lines of domestic terrorism. Additional resources are available because of the type of weapon stolen.

He also explained from June 2009 to June 2010 there were around 940 calls and about 33% of them are handled by the Sheriff's Office. He thinks the police department in Kittitas has done a good job of coverage considering their lack of officers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 10-006 Fireworks Regulations** – The public hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m. Councilmember Gilmour still has some concern and Councilmember Hink asked why some of the distances were reduced. Fire Chief Carbajal explained the ones now listed are following state regulations. The time ending of 10:00 p.m. could be extended to 11:00 p.m. according to the state regulations. Councilmember Hink also asked who would enforce this. It would be the police department. Officer Nierman recommended what is sold at the stand be legal to be let off in the city. He also believes four days of allowing fireworks in the city seems like a long time. Councilmember Huber pointed out that they will be available for purchase July 1 so it will be an issue whether we allow them to let them off then or no. After discussion, Councilmember Gay moved to table this ordinance and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Fire Station/City Hall Remodel** – There are a few items our architect, Cal Jordan, would like answers on from Council. They are:

1. Change grade on existing concrete outside of public works addition to match height of city hall – the cost would be around \$2,000. This difference in height was just discovered. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this and Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.
2. Double doors or rollup door on public works addition – Mayor Camarata explained if we use the old roll up door we would have to fire proof the room but if we use double doors we wouldn't have to. Councilmember Huber explained the April 27, 2010 minutes were approved stating this room will be used for mapping, the building inspector, and water/sewer parts storage. No vehicles would be allowed inside of this area. Councilmember Gilmour believes public works should be able to pull his truck into this room. Councilmember Gay believes the vehicle fumes will be an issue. Council agrees that public works needs a covered area but they are split in having public works at the city hall location. Currently the public works, police vehicles, and some of the fire vehicles are not in a secured or covered location. An employee with Head Start stated that they do get the smell of fumes in their building which is next to the school. Councilmember Huber moved to approve having double doors and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion was approved 2 yes and Councilmember Gilmour and Hink voting no. Mayor Camarata broke the tie by voting for the double doors.

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3. Solid lid in apparatus bay – Council stated they already agreed to this.
4. Push button locks on 3-5 exterior doors at \$400 each – Councilmember Hink agreed on this. Councilmember Gay believes we have plenty of time to decide this and would like to wait to see how the funds are doing towards the end of the project. Council agreed to wait on this. (Cal overestimated the cost of these locks. They are around \$140 each).

**Library Contract** – Councilmember Huber explained the County’s contribution to the City Library is compensation for County residents patronizing our Library. She questioned why the City of Kittitas’ funding was the only City reduced and why it was reduced without proving an actual decrease in the number of County residents patronizing the City Library. Councilmember Gilmour moved to signing this contract and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. Councilmember Huber is in disagreement with this and believes the county needs to give the city more funding. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Huber voting no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 10-003 Street Naming and Addressing** – The public hearing was opened at 7:40 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m. Kittcom thought we had an agreement with the county on addressing. They supplied copies of the other cities’ codes in Kittitas County as examples. After some discussion, Councilmember Hink moved to table this ordinance and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**WWTP Fine Screen MRM Change Order #2** – Councilmember Gilmour doesn’t agree with this. He stated we paid \$15,000 for a vac truck and \$1,200 for a high pressure hose. He believes it has never been used but was needed twice and instead we had Ellensburg come do the jobs for us. At the last Council meeting on June 8th, Council voted 5-0 on the work involved with this change order. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this change order for \$506.87 and Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of June Draw** – Check #996105 for \$350.00 was moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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**Approval of June Bills** – Checks #13897 to #13923, #E775311 and #E775312 for \$82,711.22 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Check #13922 and #13928 were voided.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Fire Station/City Hall Remodel** – The construction is moving along and the cement is getting ready to be set in the areas needed. Councilmember Huber asked why there isn’t a safety fence put up at this site.

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Railroad Ave** – Councilmember Hink would like the police department to check out the area south of his house on the other side of the John Wayne Trail. Quite a bit of junk is accumulating in this area. The police will check into this.

**Town Hall Meeting** – Councilmember Gilmour would like to see the city start having town hall meetings.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the June 29, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_