

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., July 27, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Huber, Helland and Hink.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Fire Chief Carbajal and Officer Shuart.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2010, regular meeting. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2010, special meeting. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no with Councilmember Hink abstaining.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

Dorothy Nicholas – Johnny’s Mart has a lot of weeds and garbage in the back and is a fire hazard. She also has had 3 census workers looking for 302 Pacific Loop and believes there is confusion with this address. Councilmember Huber asked Mayor Camarata if there is anything in the code on weeds located at abandoned houses.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Treasurer’s Report – See Handout.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Carbajal explained a fire destroyed the house at 1101 Tony Circle early this morning. They believe it was caused by a cigarette.

He also explained there were 4 properties with weed problems and he turned them over to the code enforcement officer.

There is a problem with 4 fire hydrants in Alpine Estates. The hydrants haven’t been serviced since 2004. Councilmember Huber suggested having the Mayor get the fire department and the water department together to discuss maintenance on these. These types of hydrants aren’t used much anymore.

Census Report – Steve Pasion – Mr. Pasion thanked the city and residents in taking part in the 2010 Census. The City of Kittitas had the 2nd highest mail participation rate and showed an improvement from the 2000

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numbers. The at home enumeration count is about a 90 day waiting period for the statistical data to get to the cities. It will probably be late October when we get our preliminary count. The first quarter of 2011, we should have all final numbers. Mr. Pasion presented a plaque to the Mayor for the City of Kittitas' participation in the Census.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 10-006 Fireworks Regulations – The public hearing was opened at 7:21 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m. After some discussion, Councilmember Helland moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance 10-003 Street Naming and Addressing – The public hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m. The public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m. After some discussion, Councilmember Huber moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Station/City Hall Remodel – Add Hallway Door – Councilmember Helland believes if the office doors in City Hall are locked there really shouldn't be much of an issue. Mayor Camarata explained the offices and rooms within City Hall will be locked. Council agreed to not add this door in the hallway.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of July Bills – Checks #13955 to #13974 for \$29,948.88 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Check #13974 was voided.

MAYORS REPORT

Yard Waste – The City received the bid on removing yard waste from Louie Gibson but not the other 2 vendors. Councilmember Huber explained Royal Organic Products is interested in buying our yard waste. They are in Royal City.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Alpine Estates – Councilmember Helland would like to get the developer to put street lights in when new houses are moved in. We will check with our planner on this.

Final Plats – Councilmember Gilmour would like to see our final plat requirement go to 7 years as the state has done.

Fire in Alpine Estates – Councilmember Helland thanked Fire Chief Carbajal and Officer Shuart on how they handled and responded to this fire.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – To evaluate a complaint against an employee and to address employee performance

7:50 P.M. MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED COUNCIL WILL GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 20 MINUTES TO EVALUATE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE AND TO ADDRESS EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE

8:08 P.M. – MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE RECONVENE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the July 27, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

Clerk/Treasurer
