

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., October 12, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Hink, and Huber. Councilmember Helland was absent.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and City Attorney Katherine Kenison.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Helland. 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 September 28, 2010 regular meeting. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2010 special meeting. Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the agenda and Councilmember Gilmour 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 explained the library has had quite a few donations lately.

The park committee, friends of the library, and fire department are doing a joint Christmas Party either the 1st of 2nd Friday of December. There will be a spaghetti dinner and Santa Claus. The committees are encouraging the businesses to decorate.

She explained the typewriter repair cost was high but that was the only alternative they could find.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7:05 P.M. – EXECUTIVE SESSION – 20 MINUTES – WARM SPRINGS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS – CITY AT TORNEY KATHERINE KENISON PRESENT

7:25 P.M. MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 10 MINUTES.

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7:35 P.M. – MAYOR CAMARATA ANNOUNCED THE RECONVENE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Gay moved to approve Larry Martin to notify the Clerfs that we would like to purchase their water rights. Council agreed to have a special meeting with Larry Martin before making a decision. The motion was tabled until we agree on a meeting date with Larry Martin (tentatively October 27th at 6:00 p.m.).

Budget Discussions – All Councilmembers received a new budget printout along with the MRSC budget suggestions bulletin for 2011. Some discussion was as follows:

- ** Councilmember Gilmour and Hink would like to continue the budget until the next meeting.
- ** Prisoner Care is split between the current expense fund and the 3/10's fund.
- ** Our insurance is estimated to increase \$2,500 per year.
- ** There is a possibility that Kittcom costs could go down.
- ** City Assistance will increase to \$15,492.
- ** The building inspector's costs have double in 2010 compared to 2009 and the revenue is about the same.
- ** We committed to approximately \$13,500 to the current expense fund for the code enforcer for 2011.

Budget discussions will continue at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

WWTP Fine Screen Project – MRM Pay Request #6 – Councilmember Huber moved to approve pay request #6 in the amount of \$10,246.18 and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Police Evidence Lockers – Chief Nierman would like to upgrade the budgeted wood evidence lockers for the new City Hall to steel lockers. This would be an additional cost of \$5,999.94. This money could also be used for landscaping or paving if this area runs short. Councilmember Gilmour would like to get with Cal Jordan before making a decision. Councilmember Huber explained the County doesn't have steel lockers for evidence. It was suggested maybe he could apply for a grant at a later date for this.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of September Payroll and October Draws – Checks #7625 to #7633, #E991011 to #E991015, and #E889100 to #E889116, and #E771001 to #E771004 for \$42,130.85 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of October Bills – Checks #14105 to #14151, #E771002, #E771005 and #E771006 for \$148,180.82 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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MAYORS REPORT

KHS Senior Class – Mayor Camarata explained the KHS senior class would like to have a night care at the Community Hall. The attorney explained we would want a hold harmless agreement and explained we need to check with our insurance company. Council suggested they check with the school first.

CDL Costs – The CDL course is a four week course. A medical card is also required.

Pickup for Street Department – We are looking at a used Pepsi Cola Company pickup for the street department and would cost around \$3,600. Councilmember Hink moved to approve purchasing this pickup after taking a look at it and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Changing Plats to 7 Years – Councilmember Gilmour would like us to change our code to giving plats 7 years. Our attorney cautioned us on this going longer than 5 years because of changes in codes that could take place.

Filling of Holes – Councilmember Gilmour asked if filling of the street holes would happen this year.

Email Accounts – Our attorney explained that every computer used for business use is subject to Metadata (created every time we do something on our computer). The information cannot be deleted on any computer. It is recommended that when you reply to an email just reply once and the next email start with a new one.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Hink moved to adjourn the October 12, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata

Clerk/Treasurer
