

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., November 9, 2010. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Gay, Hink, Helland and Huber.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2010 regular meeting. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Hink would like the word larger taken out. With that change, Councilmember Huber moved to approve the revised minutes from the October 27, 2010 special meeting. Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Mayor Camarata -- City Hall Remodel

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Chairperson Becky Bosch explained attendance is up.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Hall Remodel – Cal Jordan explained there is an issue with the City Hall remodel.

He gave a recap of the City Hall remodel budget and what he is recommending for the additional spending. (see handout). We should be getting around \$10,000 back on the Puget Sound Energy rebate and will be applying for the Public Works Leed Rebate which is \$35,000.

Our contract has a provision for liquidated damages if the contractor doesn't finish at the end of the contract date.

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There is an issue with the expansion joints. They were not placed according to the plans. Our options are:

1. Follow the plan which means saw cut out a 2 foot strip to the mesh and put in a metal strip and patch.
2. Leave it the way it is which follows code but will have hair line cracks (cosmetic). The credit we would receive back would be about \$5,200.
3. Put an acrylic and/or fiberglass wrap so the cracks will not be visible. They will give us a 10 year warranty for labor and materials. If the contractor were to go out of business it would fall back to the manufacturers warranty for materials only.

Cal Jordan would like a decision from Council on this. He doesn't recommend option #1 as this is risky. Councilmember Gilmour likes the idea of the wrap but is concerned with weather. If the temperature stays below 30 degrees consistently it would have to wait until next year. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the fiberglass wrap and Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

He also suggested going through a used furniture broker when looking at furnishings.

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PUBLIC HEARING – Preliminary 2011 Budget Discussions – The public hearing was opened at 7:49 p.m. It was suggested the PSE \$10,000 rebate be put back into the general fund. The public hearing was closed at 7:51 p.m.

- Mayor Camarata explained the insurance is going up \$104 per month and the employees will have to pay \$10 per month of this in 2011 as the union contract only covers \$672 of the cost of medical insurance.
- The 3 positions added to this budget are a part time clerk, part time librarian, and part time street helper.
- Councilmember Huber explained the engineers have advised us over and over that we need to raise rates 2% per year on water and sewer for inflation. Councilmember Helland agrees with this.
- Councilmember Huber has a hard time hiring new employees and reducing the current employees' benefits and Councilmember Gay agreed.
- Councilmember Hink asked what we would save by not giving raises in 2011.
- Councilmember Gilmour would like to freeze all wages except the police and fire departments.
- Councilmember Helland and Gilmour would like to contact the union and re-open the contract negotiations on the 2011 2% raises. Last year in contract negotiations it was agreed to give a 0% raise in 2010, 2% in 2011, and 3% in 2012.
- Councilmember Gay isn't in favor of the car tab tax.
- Councilmembers Huber, Helland, and Gay agreed to remove the 3 part time positions from the 2011 budget and revisiting hiring these in the middle of 2011. These councilmembers also agreed to move 2% of the utility tax to the water/sewer fund. To do this we would need to revise the ordinances that were passed.

Community Hall Architect Selection – Councilmember Helland explained the committee agreed on hiring

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Cal Jordan Associates as the architect for the Community Hall remodel. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve this and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

City Well Discussion – Mayor Camarata recommended Irrigation Technology and Control. Councilmember Helland moved to approve hiring this firm and their bid for \$4,197.50 and Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

WWTP Fine Screen Project – MRM Pay Request #7 – Councilmember Hink moved to approve pay request #6 in the amount of \$18,616.75 and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of October Payroll and November Draws – Checks #7634 to #7642, #E881011 to #E881027, and #E990101 to #E990105 for \$38,158.22 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Approval of November Bills – Checks #14177 to #14216 for \$125,061.97 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Sure Shot Robbery – Mayor Camarata explained the Sure Shot Robber has been arrested.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Hotel/Motel Tax – Councilmember Gilmour isn't very happy with the way the County responded in getting out this application to us. Councilmember Huber explained we need to plan better in 2011 in applying and being proactive for this money.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Helland moved to adjourn the November 9, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hink. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____