

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2011**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., January 11, 2011. Councilmembers present: Gilmour, Hink, Helland and Huber. Councilmember Gay was absent.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Public Words Lead Bosch.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2010 regular meeting. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Walk Thru of Remodeled City Hall Building – The Council, Mayor, and council attendees did a walk thru of the remodeled city hall building.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Chairperson Becky Bosch reported an increase of 20 new cards in 2010. The computer use was up 170 hours compared to 2009. The summer reading program was down quite a bit from 2009.

Treasurer's Report – See handout. Mayor Camarata explained revenues came in over budget in 2010.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Street Department Building – Mayor Camarata gave a summary of the proposed construction of a new street department shop. The demolition would probably cost around \$5,000. Councilmember Hink suggested adding a floor and insulation now rather than waiting until later. Councilmember Helland and Huber agreed.

Wray Plumbing – Pay Request #6 – \$19,297.15 – Councilmember Huber moved to approve this pay request and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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Vance Heating – Pay Request #6 – \$6,772.77 – Councilmember Helland moved to approve this pay request and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Five K Electric Pay Request #5 – \$5,829.80 – Councilmember Helland moved to approve this pay request and Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Tri Ply Construction – Pay Request #4 – \$40,908.46 – Mayor Camarata explained he reduced the original pay request. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this pay request and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of December 2010 Payroll and January 2011 Draws – Checks #7664 to #7673, #E880011 to #E880019, #E889120 to #E889126, #E771227, #E881230 and #E771111 to #E771113 for \$46,531.74 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Hink and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of December 2010/January 2011 Bills – Councilmember Gilmour asked why we didn't use the air compressor at the WWTP to blow out the lines. Mayor Camarata explained it doesn't have enough PSI to do the job. Councilmember Gilmour disagreed. He also explained he isn't in agreement to buy the fire truck because it wasn't ever introduced to Council and wasn't in the budget. Councilmember Helland explained it was discussed at a prior Council meeting. Councilmember Huber explained we probably should discuss capital purchases in a little more detail even though it is covered in the general budget. Checks #14306 to #14342, #E770107, #E771201 to #E771202, and #E771228 for \$114,134.05 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Huber. Check #14340 was voided. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voted no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Street Department Truck – Mayor Camarata and Public Works Lead Bosch will be going to Yakima tomorrow to pick up the used pickup that was purchased for the street department.

Occupancy Permit – We need to get the fire wall fixed, fire sprinkler system and alarm finished, wrapping around the plumbing, and the ADA signs before we can get the occupancy permit. There will be an alarm company that will monitor the system.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Grand Opening for the City Hall/Fire Department Remodel – Councilmember Helland would like to have a first class open house for our grand opening. Council would like to also invite the newspaper and other county elected officials.

Railroad and Clark Stop Sign – Councilmember Huber explained this stop sign was missing. In addition, the one at King and 2nd is under the height it should be. Gayetta Hink doesn't believe the angle parking on

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King Street should be allowed. Mayor Camarata will look into these issues.

Hotel/Motel Tax – Councilmember Gilmour asked why we didn't get this application filled out this year. Mayor Camarata explained he didn't receive it until one week prior to when it was due.

UGA – Councilmember Hink asked if we have an update on the UGA. Futurewise is still disputing it. We are waiting on the State Hearing Board's decision.

Police Department – Councilmember Helland thinks it is ridiculous for our police officers to go 40 miles to lend assistance unless it is a major disaster. He doesn't believe our city should be left unattended. Officer Shuart responded to a stabbing in Roslyn because the County was short staffed. Councilmember Gilmour disagrees and thinks it is great other agencies help each other (mutual aid). Councilmember Helland would like to see a mileage limit that our officers travel for assistance to other agencies.

Water Leak – Councilmember Helland explained he isn't in agreement with us fixing the water leak that was on the customer's end at a residence on Okanogan Street. Mayor Camarata explained this is a grey area because the leak was at the meter, therefore, requiring us to repair the leak.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Hink moved to adjourn the January 11, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Camarata _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____