

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2011**

Mayor Camarata called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., May 16, 2011. Councilmembers present: Hink, Gilmour and Gay. Councilmember Gay motioned for an excused absence for Huber and Helland. Hink seconded the motion and it was approved 3 yes 0 no.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee.

Mayor Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2011 regular meeting. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Hink moved to approve the agenda and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

Dot Nichalas- Stated the dog situation is 90 percent better and she appreciates getting the dog problem under control.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Library Board – Chairperson Becky Bosch reported that they issued 4 new cards. They also got 150 items donated. She was also concerned about the lock being damaged on the back door last Saturday, she stated that they called City Hall and did not get a response so Councilmember Gilmour was called and he replaced the lock. Also one of the locks wasn't locked on the front door and someone stuffed the toilet and plugged it, Mayor Camarata came and fixed it on Saturday. She is also concerned about people using the Community Hall and not keeping the entry way open for fire safety, it needs to be open for the library use as well. Councilmember Gilmour is concerned about no one going over to the Community Hall and inspecting for damages or theft after the people are done at the Community Hall. Councilmember Gay wondered if someone could do a quick inventory after someone uses the Community Hall, Mayor Camarata stated at this time we didn't have the man power to do that. Councilmember Gilmour stated he has a fee sheet from Chelan and they have an attendant when they rent out their Community Hall. Councilmember Hink stated to call 911 if it looks like a break in then there is record of it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 11-005R Building Department fees – Councilmember Gilmour wanted to know why the Mechanical Code was 1997 and not 2009. Councilmember Hink wondered if there was a 2010 code out. Councilmembers want to get everything up to date and Councilmember Gay suggested Michelle attends the next council meeting on May 24, 2011. Council agreed to table this resolution.

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Resolution 11-006R – Amending Construction Specifications – Councilmember Gilmour doesn't believe there are any changes to this. Councilmember Hink asked about cul-de-sacs and would like this section reviewed. Council agreed to table this resolution.

Five K payment request – Councilmember Gilmour moved that we pay Five K. They were up here to fix the generator. Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes 0 no.

Department of Ecology Fine Screen Loan Amendment #4 – Mayor Camarata explained what the meaning was. Councilmember Hink motioned to pass Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes 0 no.

Community Garden – Mayor Camarata stated there was a lot of confusion and some of it was his fault. Mayor Camarata assumed that Milo was working with Pat Cort. When Mayor Camarata came back from vacation he found out Milo was not working with The Parks and Garden Committee. Then it was scheduled to go before council on May 10th, that meeting was cancelled, so if the Mayor Camarata was to wait until May 16, 2011 meeting it would be too late to plant after July 4th. Mayor Camarata gave Milo permission to plant. Councilmember Gilmour asked how many people resigned from the Parks Committee. Mayor Camarata stated one that he knew of (Pat Cort). He also questioned not having a water meter at the park and Mayor Camarata said he was working on that with Buck. Mayor Camarata understood that the Community Garden was approved once by the City Council does it need to be approved every year? Councilmember Gilmour stated he would like everyone to work together instead of walking away. Pat Cort already stated garden is planted and an article in the paper. Councilmember Hink asked if that was City property how it can be rented out. Mayor Camarata stated it's the same as renting City Hall or the Community Hall. Councilmember Gay called Mayor Camarata and asked what was going on and thought that Mayor Camarata's decision was wise. He understood there was communication problem and doesn't know where it got lost. The Parks Committee needs to handle the Community Garden every year. Pat Cort, secretary of the Parks committee has now resigned along with Theresa McCollum. She believes she should have been contacted. Unless there is solid leadership Pat Cort is done. There is no scheduled meeting for the Parks Committee. They feel Val was their liaison. Councilmember Gay suggested a council member be part of the Parks Committee, and that that council member take the responsibility of contacting everyone involved to schedule a meeting. Councilmember Gay suggested that Mayor Camarata and councilmember Huber gets together to discuss this.

Acceptance of Bids for paving City Hall – Columbia Asphalts bid of \$12,884.00 was accepted. Columbia's bid came in approximately \$300 over budget. Councilmember Gilmour motioned to accept the bid Councilmember Hink seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

April 2011 Payroll/mid month draws – \$54,647.62. Councilmember Gay motioned to approve and seconded by councilmember Hink. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

May 2011 Bills – \$41,747.17. Councilmember Gilmour had a question regarding if the leak protection had a report stating if there were any leaks, Mayor Camarata said he has not seen the report yet. Councilmember Gilmour also had a question about Attorney charging \$45 for an e-mail; Mayor Camarata says Jeff is still waiting to hear from Clerf. Councilmember Gay says he realizes it is taking a long time but we will just

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have to wait. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the May bills and councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

City Hall Landscaping – The City of Kittitas was going to have the High School Senior Class plant the garden at City Hall for their Senior Project, but it is too late for this year's class so the City needs to come up with a plan B to get the garden started.

City Hall Parking Lot – The Street department will start digging that out shortly and the City got the locates today.

Main Street Sidewalks and Storm drains – Gray and Osborne wants to get the bid out in two weeks, Mayor Camarata is concerned the work will not be complete in three months before frost in the fall. Councilmember Gilmour is concerned about the catch basin on the high side, and also the concrete is shot by the Fire Department side. Mayor Camarata stated that Gray & Osborne is going to have a man on site just like the WWTP to make sure everything is done right. Mayor Camarata will check on this.

Flooding – The flooding started at 10p.m. Saturday night and all day Sunday. 10-15 homes were affected; at least 2 had insulation damage. There were 30-50 volunteers, 3 loads of sand and 2500 sandbags. The Fire Department led the volunteer's in a very professional manner. Mayor Camarata did declare a State of Emergency Saturday night so people could get FEMA. Someone is going to be picking up the sandbags next week either on the trailer or the backhoe. Councilmember Gilmour still concerned about the dirty streets.

Job Description – Val's job description/New job. Mayor Camarata is in touch with the Union Rep to get the rate of pay.

Maintenance for Heating & Cooling System – Councilmember Hink wants three bids so he gave me the phone number for Mechanical Services in Yakima 509-469-2773. I will call and get the 3rd bid.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Thanking the School Kids – Councilmember Gilmour wondered if anybody thanked the school kids for cleaning up around the City of Kittitas. Councilmember Gilmour said he would go by the school and thank the kids. Councilmember Gay suggested Mayor Camarata write a letter of Thanks and Councilmember Gilmour will take it with him.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest: Mayor John Camarata _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____