

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2012**

Mayor Tony Helland called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., March 13, 2012. Councilmember's present was Jerry Gilmour, Rick Hink, Linda Huber, and Pat Cort. Val Bosch (absent).

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee; Chris Taylor, Police; Brent Nierman, Police; and Jose Preciado, Acting Fire Chief.

Mayor Tony Helland led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

MOTION: To excuse Val Bosch from the meeting due to he just got out of the hospital.
Motion by Hink; seconded by Huber
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2012.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendment to Agenda – New Business – D. Operation Just Cause. By Community Member Laura Harris.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended to by adding to New Business – D. Operation Just Cause.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports:

Mayor Helland reported for Public Works regarding a water leak on Main Street due to rocks pushing on an unprotected pipe south of railroad tracks near the spud shed. Job completed in less than six hours.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Kruisin' Kittitas Car Show** – Brenda McPherson – not here.
- B. **Amend Water/Sewer Rates – discussion #2:** The Ordinance No. 10-014, in its entirety will be brought to the next meeting for the council's discussion. The Council members wish to have the Ordinance rewritten for their review and discussion at next meeting. Amendment of the Water/Sewer Rates is tabled until the next meeting.
- C. **Letter's for City Hall:** Councilmember Gilmour reported about the lettering for the City Hall. There is \$1,800 for the letters. If the City uses old letters they will only be saving \$500. They will get a catalog and have all of the Council Members look at them for a decision. This would be for the Letters to spell: Kittitas City Hall, address to be placed on the new building.
- D. **Operation Just Cause.** Resident of Kittitas, Laura Harris, read a letter to the Kittitas City Council Members as follows:

“City of Kittitas Council Members and the Community:
Many have been touched by the images of our hero's that have been wounded and those who lost their lives in the conflicts and wars that our country wages since 9/11. Some have an even more personal tie, we know someone that has been affected.

As a small group of motorcycle riders that belong to a Kittitas County non-profit organization, we would like an opportunity to acknowledge our countries heroes and our “Wounded Warriors.” This is the name that our congress has given to our service men and women injured since 9/11.

We are requesting the date of September 8, 2012, for “OPERATION JUST CAUSE.” This will consist of a ride with several stops throughout the valley, which will begin and end in the town of Kittitas. This will include ALL motor vehicles. It is our desire to include all of the community, city government, local fire/police department, and local business owners to participate and support our endeavor to raise awareness and funds to be awarded to the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). This will be the first event of its kind in Washington State for WWP.

VA benefits do not fully cover all the expenses associated with such tragedies. The Wounded Warrior project's purpose is:

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- To raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members.
- To help injured service members' aid and assist each other.
- To provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of injured service members."

Laura Harris indicated that they are looking for their home town, Kittitas, to be the center of this first time event. They are sponsored by ABATE but it is not an ABATE organized ride. They are asking for the City of Kittitas to support this event. They are discussing the possibility of having the fire department helping with a breakfast for the people who want to arrive here at the beginning of the event. Council discussion requested information about the event, happenings, and event routes in writing so they can pass it on to legal council, and to be able to judge the impact on the city for law enforcement, volunteers, etc.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. March 25, 2012, payables \$25,102.94 - #3

MOTION: Move to pay March 25, 2012, bills in the amount of \$25,102.94 - #3
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.
Motion Carried: 4 yes, 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The County started traffic counts on Patrick and Pierce Streets and City of Kittitas pays for this. If our grant money is not all used, it goes back to the Quadco and conjunction STP funds.
- Mayor Helland and Brent Nierman, Police, introduced the new Fire Chief, Scott Ciraulo and his wife, Nicole. Nierman indicated that Ciraulo has 100 percent support of other fire personnel. New Fire Chief Ciraulo has credentials above and beyond that of a Fire Chief. He is a Washington State EMT, Kittitas County IV technician, Washington State Fire Service Instructor 2, Technical Rescue Instructor, EVIP Instructor, has worked as an Engineer for Shoreline Fire Department, Upper Kittitas Medic One, Rural/Metro Ambulance EMT, and King County Reserve Fire Fighter; speaks Spanish, is a resident of Kittitas Valley, Career Firefighter and local Business Owner.

MOTION: To hire Scott Ciraulo as Volunteer Fire Chief for the City of Kittitas.
Motion made by Councilmember Hink; seconded by Huber.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no

- Fire Chief Ciraulo has secured a gifted Aid Car for the City of Kittitas. It runs/starts and they will test drive it on Thursday. Also there is a 22 year old fire engine "lightly used" that the City can look into.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Gilmour asked about the Survey for the Library. Discussion about what to do about the survey. The phone survey only got 15 results so they mailed out a form and have received about 100 back. Mayor Helland will meet with the Librarian on Thursday. They will go through the library cards.
- Councilmember Huber discussed the open house at the fairgrounds regarding the UGA expansion. They did their compliance work in 2007 and were turned down twice in Superior Court and did not win. County has to do the work with compliance issues. The County will be working closer with the City of Kittitas to show compliance. Council members are encouraged to stop in and visit the commissioners at the open house to let them know what we need expansion.
- Question from Councilmember Hink regarding the Chief being in the Union issue not being brought to the Council. Doesn't have to come before the Council, because if he asks to be in the union, he is in the union. Question about what is the pay scale. The pay scale issue comes at negotiation time.

Adjourn at 7:45 pm

Attest:

Mayor Helland

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer