

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2012**

Mayor Tony Helland called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., August 28, 2012. Council members present were Jerry Gilmour, Rick Hink, Todd Veness, Linda Huber, and Pat Cort.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee; Chris Taylor, Police Department.

Mayor Helland led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2012.
Motion by Councilmember Gilmour; seconded by Councilmember Huber.
Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no,

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition to Agenda: 7. New Business, E. Curley's Noise Variance; and also under New Business: F. Dennis Cort re: Request for Variance on Water/Sewer for Veterans of Foreign Wars.

MOTION: Motion to approve agenda as amended under New Business with E and F above.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Hink.
Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

- Laura Harris from Fairview Road spoke as a member of Kittitas County Abate Motorcycle Club who meets once a month came before the Council six months ago to put forward their plan for a motorcycle ride for Operation Just Cause for wounded warrior's fund. The ride will be September 8th. The ride starts at 11:00 am and hopes to return to Curley's between 3 – 5 pm. There will be a band and everyone is welcome. We would like the Council to approve the event. The Council agreed to put something on the reader board.
- Bev Allphin thanked everyone for watering the shrubs. Mayor Helland said he would also get down there to spray bug spray on them also.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports: None.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance NO. 12-009, Accepting Donations/Gifts #2:

MOTION: Motion to accept Ordinance No 12-009, Accepting Donations/Gifts.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Hink.
Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Executive Session** – Discussion of a complaint against public official: Mayor Helland said that there is no Executive Session because the Attorney was not going to be present. Not all Council members got a call from the Attorney regarding her being absent from the Executive Session. The Council decided to go ahead and have the discussion to get the item over with. Adjourned into Executive Session at 7:15 pm for 20 minutes. Regular City Council Meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm. There was no action taken and no decisions.

- B. **Brenda Aitken – Dog Variance #3: Address 312 Barbara Lane.**

MOTION: Motion to approve a Dog Variance for a Blue Heeler at the Aitken residence.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.
Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no

- C. **Bid Mechanical - - Business License (Cliff Dobson) #4:** Chapter 5.04 Business and Occupation Licenses, was reviewed by the City Council members and Mr. Dobson. It was explained to him that if a Delivery of a product within the city they must have a business license. Mr. Dobson says his vendors will not pay for a business license to deliver in Kittitas. Councilmember Gilmour stated that he would like the lawyer to check this code.

- D. **Hiring Committee** – Mayor Helland would like to appoint a hiring committee to go through and look At the job descriptions to be sure it is up-to-date, look at the Waste Water Treatment Plant Worker job Description. Councilmember Gilmour, Cort and Mayor Helland will be on that committee.

- E. **Curley's Noise Variance** – Hailey was speaking on Curley's behalf re: having a band at the beer garden for a large fund raiser. Asking for a noise variance of one hour (to 11:00 pm) for one night for this fund raiser.

MOTION: To approve the variance of the Public Nuisance Ordinance to extend it for one hour to 11:00 pm for the fund raiser.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.
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F. Dennis Cort re: Request for Variance on Water/Sewer for Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dennis Cort is requesting a variance on meter rates at the VFW building which is being billed at the rate of a Laundry mat which was utilizing more water than the VFW does. A variance is needed to change the Meter to a residential meter from the old commercial meter. Discussion about whether this was a Variance or not.

MOTION: To have the City Clerk change the billing rates on this building to the one inch Residential meter.

Motion by Councilmember Gilmour; seconded by Councilmember Hink.

Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. August 28, 2012, payables \$24,795.75 #5

MOTION: Move to pay August 28, 2012, Payables in the amount of \$24,795.75.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.

Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Helland reported that the Teamsters sent a notice that our contract is coming up for negotiations. An FYI letter.
- Time Out is closed and there will be no more sales tax coming from that owner.
- The Cities Insurance is coming up of \$1,144.47 increase this year. The annual premium in \$44,382.25. Approximately \$25,000 is for liability.
- Very close to sending all the cell phones back except for three phones. Looking into going with US Cellular next year.
- Volunteers planted 144 plants last Saturday (Chris, Debbie, Brent, Ben, Jerry, Kelley, Tony were helping). The Mayor thanked all those that helped.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Gilmour asked if we could please get this Personnel Policy wrapped up. He has his ready for all to review.
- Working with Jerry Litt regarding the issue of the sewer being extended to the freeway.
- CERB – Park Grant - need someone interested in going.
- Councilmember Huber indicated that on the second meeting in September 2012 Budget Review

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Adjourn at 8:25pm

Attest:

Mayor Helland

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer