

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2012**

Mayor Tony Helland called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., December 18, 2012.

Council members present were Jerry Gilmour, Rick Hink, Linda Huber, and Pat Cort. Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee; Bryan Nash – Public Works.

Mayor Helland led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Roll Call: all present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of December 4, 2012.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of regular City Council meeting of December 11, 2012.
Motion by Councilmember Gilmour; seconded by Councilmember Huber.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Hink.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports:

- Public Works – Bryan Nash reported that Foremost Pump & Well Services, LLC, has presented a quote for the secondary well to make it operational to use as a standby pump. Presented quote dated 12/12/2012, in the amount of \$12,233.86. Mayor Helland asked the council if they wanted to get more bids. Consensus to contact MRSC regarding bid.
- Councilmember Cort reported that there is a planning meeting on December 19, 2012, at the VFW for putting together goodie bags for the kids for Christmas Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Water/Sewer Ordinance – also fees.

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B. Public Meeting 2013 Budget #3.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing Ordinance 12-013 Amending KMC Water and Sewer Utility Tax #4

7:15 pm PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance 12-013 Water & Sewer Utility Tax

- Mayor Helland opened discussion to the public. Bev Allphin asked a question about car tab fees and what it goes to. Mayor Helland indicated that it only goes toward street projects in the City of Kittitas. This fee began December 1, 2012.

7:17 pm Close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 12-013.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance 12-013, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.26 of the Kittitas Municipal Code Titled “Water and Sewer Utility Tax.” An increase of 5%
Motion made by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Hink.
Motion Carried: 3 yes; 1 no (Gilmour)

B. Public Hearing Ordinance 12-014 Amending KMC Rates and Charges #5

7:19 pm PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance 12-014, Rates and Charges

- Mayor Helland opened discussion to the public. None.

7:21 pm Close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 12-014.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance 12-014, An Ordinance Amending Section 13.04.020 of the Kittitas Municipal Code Titled “Rates and Charges” An increase of 2% to base rate.
Motion made by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.
Motion Carried: 3 yes; 1 no (Gilmour).

C. 2012 Budget Amendments Ordinance 12-016 #6

7:29 pm PUBLIC HEARING on 2012 Budget Amendments Ordinance 12-016.

- Mayor Helland opened discussion to the public. None.

7:30 pm Close PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance 12-016.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No 12-016, An Ordinance Amending the 2012 Budget Of the City of Kittitas as adopted by Ordinance No. 12-016.
Motion made by Councilmember Cort; seconded by Councilmember Huber.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

D. Cal Jordan Associates Agreement #7 - Fee Proposal to Prepare Grant Applications for the Library/Community Center – dated December 14, 2012.

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MOTION: To pay Cal Jordan \$2500 to prepare the Grant Application for the Library/Community Center per agreement.

Motion made by Councilmember Cort; seconded by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

E. Ordinance 12-015, Adopting the 2013 Budget #8

7:34 pm PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance 12-015, Adopting the 2013 Budget

- Mayor Helland opened discussion to the public. None. Council discussed the 2013 Budget. Councilmembers Gilmour and Cort are concerned that the employees' union contract is not negotiated yet and the amount of two percent is included in the budget figures for employees' salaries which is not a correct amount. Discussion proceeded about how to handle this in the budget. Negotiations will determine the amount for employee wages, not the "placeholder" of two percent in the budget. Councilmember Cort said she would like to see four reviews of the budget next year.

8:12 pm Close PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance 12-015.

MOTION: Move to adopt Ordinance No 12-015 Adopting the 2013 Budget for the City of Kittitas.

Motion made by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.

Motion Carried: 3 yes; 1 no (Gilmour)

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. December 18, 2012, payables \$46,259.24. #9

MOTION: Move to pay December 18, 2012, Payables in the amount of \$46,259.24. #9

Motion made by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Cort.

Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Helland discussed the new police cars and how clean they are. Both Crown Vics cost \$4,000 each, used them for several years and sold one for \$4,000; the cost of owning both those cars was \$1,000.
- Mayor Helland announced that we are having an after Christmas Party at Debbie Lee's house for all the City employees and families.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- None

Adjourn at 8:20 pm

Attest:

Mayor Helland

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer