

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2013**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Tony Helland called the regular Council Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. September 24, 2013.

Council members present: Rick Hink, Jerry Gilmour, Darrell McLean, Cliff Helgeson and Linda Huber.

Staff present: Debbie Lee-Clerk and Bryan Nash Public Works.

Mayor Helland led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting dated September 10, 2013. Motion by Councilmember Hink; second by Councilmember Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Huber made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; second by Councilmember Hink. Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports

- Bryan Nash Public Works explained that every time it rains the storm drain backs up at Railroad and Main @ the Train Depot. It needs to be fixed. Council suggested that money be set aside in the 2014 Budget.
- The RCAC loan application needs Council to specify what source of revenue the City can offer to secure the funds for the loan. Council agreed that the funds would come from 1/2 water, 1/3 sewer and 1/3 capital projects fund. Councilmember Gilmour asked about the bidding process it was explained that we have to get 5 bids from contractors who are on MRSC's small works roster.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sun Share Energy –Solar Train Depot #2

- Louis J. Reillo from Sun Share Energy explained their services. Investors look for sights to place solar panels and the company leases the land until 2020. The power generated by the site goes to the City and the investors. It would offset the power bill. They insure and maintain the panels; the City is responsible for installing the meter on the building and a 6 foot fence around the panels for protection. Total cost is about \$100,000. Louis is sending the draft agreement to Mayor Helland for them to explore further.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. September 24, 2013 payables \$15,222.22 - #3

MOTION: Move to pay September 24, 2013 payables in the amount of \$15,222.22.
Motion made by Councilmember Huber; second by Councilmember Helgeson.
Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

Discussion: Gilmour; did the brush truck ruin the tires? Is that what that is? Mayor Helland; yes Mayor Helland yes it was on a fire which is just one of the hazards thank god it was not on a big truck, it would've been more than that. Councilmember Huber; is there income from using the brush truck? Mayor Helland not on that particular instance no. There is an opportunity to make money, I don't know all the in's and out's Rick might know, but there is opportunity to make money from the brush truck, but this was not one of them. Councilmember Hink; what fire were they on? Mayor Helland; it was we went on two or three I think it was the one on the day of the car show off of Fox road or something yes. Councilmember Gilmour did they hit a porcupine or a rock? Mayor Helland it was uh I think it got flames so embers or something one was melting anyhow anymore discussion. Councilmember Gilmour no.

Then the vote.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Helland reported that they have started assembling the play equipment at the Gazebo Park. They did not get any volunteers at the last scheduled work party.
- PSE is working on getting an updated bid for the Main Street lighting project.
- Washington State National Guard would like for Mayor Helland to sign a letter supporting them. Council gave their approval.

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- Mayor Helland reported that the budget process is in the preliminary stages and he has a budget from the police department. Councilmember Huber would like for Mayor Helland to have department heads scheduled to present their budgets in the months of October and November. Mayor Helland said he would like to bring a balanced budget to council.
- Vac truck still is having problems, Bryan thinks it is need of a clutch but has not had the time to look at it.
- Brenda Bach WWTP submitted a FYI letter in council packets and would like for Shayne Poole to start his Level II certification process, Council does not think this is necessary and that his wage increase and training would need to be figured in the 2014 budget.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: 7:55 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Helland

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer