

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2013**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Tony Helland called the regular Council Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. October 22, 2013.

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

Staff present: Debbie Lee-Clerk/Treasurer, Bryan Nash – Public Works, Brenda Bach –WWTP, Ben Whitehurst- Fire Department, and Brent Nierman- Chief of Police.

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 October 8, 2013.

Motion by Councilmember Hink; second by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Helland had two additions to the agenda Surplus Phone System and Sterling Bank Maturing CD, add under new business (B) and (C).

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

- Tiny Allphin is concerned that with the yard waste being closed down that people will not keep their yards up to code, Mayor Helland assured him that we have a Code enforcer and will stay on top of things.
- Carolyn Earwood has been dealing with Officer Anderson and Chief Nierman on an ongoing problem for 2 ½ years and they have it solved, she appreciates it very much.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports

- **STREETS:** Bryan Nash reported that the yard waste is currently shut down. Louie Gibson came and grinded and hauled some debris away \$1500 worth, they got rid of about 1/3 of the pile and hauled a truck load away, but there is still too much debris. The problems are people not always being honest and paying the correct amount, people dumping things that are not

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yard waste. Discussion was had if it could be burned. Also Mayor Helland looked into grants that pay for crusher machines. Councilmember Huber suggested contacting the County and seeing if they would have some type of interlocal agreement with the City of Kittitas. Bryan will tour the compost plant in Quincy since they are going that way. Just looking at all alternatives at this point.

B. BUDGET REPORT #2

- Mayor Helland asked Council if they would like a special time set aside to look at the budget, they agreed November 5th @ 6:00 p.m.
- Discussion about Jail costs was had and Councilmember Huber will find out what the County has in the budget.
- Chief Nierman stated that he received 2 grants a Law and Justice Grant for \$1300 .and a Bullet Proof Vests grant for \$790 almost enough money to buy three vests, which are greatly needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Community Hall Rental Waiver #3 Chuck Stafford. Councilmember Huber asked if they were nonprofit. If they are going to sell products or services? Mayor Helland will call them and they will put it on the agenda for November 5, 2013.
- B. Entitat would like to buy the Five K phone system for \$1500 that we are no longer using. The City will have Katherine write up a resolution and council can vote on it at the November 5th meeting.
- C. The CD at Sterling Bank is maturing and Mayor Helland would like to know how Council wants to handle this, he will check with Sterling Bank and see what will be best.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. October 22, 2013 payables \$55,359.99 - #4

MOTION: Move to pay October 22, 2013 payables in the amount of \$55,359.99.
Motion made by Councilmember Hink; second by Councilmember Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no.

MOTION: Move to pay REET payables in the amount of \$3437.89
Motion made by Councilmember Huber; second by Councilmember Hink.

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Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Helland reported that he talked to Lynette the Librarian and they have designed a sign for the Gilmour Library and Jerry has a favorite. The Library will need to talk to Michelle about dimensions, and need to pick a color. The Library has raised money for the sign but Mayor Helland would like Council to think about helping from the general fund if needed.
- Mayor Helland and Bryan Nash are going to Wenatchee tomorrow to receive an award on behalf of the City for the King Street Project. Tony is not sure exactly what for but they will find out.
- Wayne Johnson with the Union presented a What If proposal for Council to think about.
- A letter from the Union raised questions about Brenda Bach being the only Level II and that she is on call, they requested copies of her time cards and she would be paid \$2.00 per hour after work hours. Wayne Johnson said that they could forgive the past year and start in January; Council will need to think how they want to approach this.
- Mayor Helland would also like Council to consider whenever we have a street project, water break, or project that Bryan Nash should have the title of PW Projects Manager; Council suggested that maybe Wayne could come up with a different job title.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Huber made a motion to not adjourn the meeting and continue with an executive session on Thursday October 24 at 6:00 p.m.; Councilmember McLean seconded the motion.

ADJOURN: 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Helland

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer