

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2013**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Linda Huber called the Council Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. November 26, 2013.

Council members present: Jerry Gilmour, Darrell McLean.

Staff present: Debbie Lee-Clerk, Brent Nierman-Chief Police, Ben Whitehurst-Fire, Bryan Nash -Public Works, Michelle Geiger –Building Inspector and Brenda Bach-WWTP.

Mayor Pro Tem Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Pro Tem Huber administered the oath of office to Mayor Jerry Gilmour.

Mayor Jerry Gilmour administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Linda Huber and John Camarata.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting dated November 26, 2013. Motion by Councilmember McLean; second by Councilmember Huber.
Motion carried: 3 yes; 0 no. Councilmember Hink abstained due to his absence.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Huber made a motion approve the agenda as presented; second 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 Jack Sansaver and Dan Sherman helped with a bucket truck hanging the Christmas Lights.

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- Exploring other options for the Yard Waste issue. Bryan explained that the City of Quincy will accept any waste we take for free, the City would be responsible for the cost of getting it to them. Patty at the County will take it at \$30.00 per ton. Gibson and Son would place a 100 cubic yard container.
- PSE Energy Grant should be completed in 2014; they had to do some comparison on actual consumption over the past year.

B. Operating Engineers – Award Presentation

- Mayor Gilmour and Bryan will take the award out next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 6 month interim zoning – Ordinance No. 13-022

- Discussion was had about how close you could be to parks, schools etc. Councilmember Camarata thought it was important that this be passed.

MOTION: Councilmember Huber made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-022 based on the attorneys recommendation; second by councilmember Hink.

Motion carried; 4 yes 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sun Share Energy – Lease for Solar Panels

- Mayor Gilmour thought the City was getting the cart before the horse, since the train depot building is not ready for electricity and the lease runs out in 2016 for the solar panels.

Tabled

B. 2014 Property Tax Levy – Ordinance No. 13-024

- Discussion was had that this is an Ordinance that happens annually.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 13-024; second by councilmember Hink.

Motion carried; 4 yes 0 no.

C. Library Surplus – Resolution No. 13-024

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- Mayor Gilmour stated that they were cleaning up the library and had a surplus item.

MOTION: Councilmember Hink made a motion to approve Resolution No. 13-024R surplus a Brother typewriter; second by councilmember Huber.

D. 2014 Preliminary Budget 1st Public Hearing

- The public hearing was opened at 7:21 and hearing no public comment closed at 7:23

E. Kittitas County PUD Franchise agreement

- Discussion was had about the agreement and council on the advice of the attorney, not to sign the agreement due to wording that PUD could use the airspace for possible other utilities without the approval of the City of Kittitas. Council thought that Katherine could provide wording to PUD.

F. Event Ordinance

- Katherine suggested that the council consider an Event Ordinance, since more events could happen in the city and this would make the sponsor of the event liable for Insurance and not the City of Kittitas responsibility, they could purchase an additional policy through Cities Insurance Company. This will be tabled for further discussion.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. November 26, 2013 payables \$26,999.48

MOTION: Councilmember Huber made a motion to pay November 26, 2013 payables in the amount of \$26,999.48; second by councilmember Hink.

Motion carried; 4 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Huber suggested we have our regularly scheduled council meeting on December 10, and December 17th, 2013.
- Councilmember Huber congratulated Mayor Gilmour on the election.

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ADJOURN: 8:39 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Gilmour

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer