

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2014**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jerry Gilmour called the Council Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. January 28, 2014. Council members present: Rick Hink, John Camarata, Darrell McLean, Teresa McCollum-Jacobson. Linda Huber was absent. Staff present: Debbie Lee - Clerk, Chris Taylor - Police, Brent Nierman – Chief Police, Scott Ciraulo-Fire Chief, Dave Anderson – Police, Michelle Geiger - Building Inspector, Becky Bosch - Library Board, and Brenda Bach -WWTP. Mayor Gilmour led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

MOTION: Motion to excuse Councilmember Huber’s absence by Councilmember Hink; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the regular City Council meeting dated January 14, 2014. Motion by Councilmember Hink; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion Carried: 4 yes; 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gilmour would like to add Yard Waste under unfinished business.

MOTION: Councilmember McLean made a motion to accept the agenda as amended; second by Councilmember Hink.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

Elaine O’Niell representing the Library Board asked if there was anything they could do to help with getting the fiddler’s to come back to Kittitas. Councilmember Camarata stated that they have to know a year in advance as to where the location is, so possibly go to the School Board regarding the 2015 location.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports

Becky Bosch –

- Hot Cocoa and A Book is February 10th, 11th, and 12th.
- Library numbers are looking good.
- Lynette has ½ of all books in the card system.

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POLICE – Chief Nierman

- The Evidence Room has been audited and purged. A thank you will be sent to Ellensburg Animal Hospital for the use of their incinerator. Moon Security came and installed an alarm; this was made possible through the Law & Justice Grant.
- There has been a lot of activity with juveniles causing issues. The police have made a lot of contacts. Three juveniles were taken into custody. Discussion about a curfew that was abolished in 2006 was discussed. Councilmember Hink stated that the school is now closed until teachers get there in the morning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Scott Ciraulo

- Three new volunteers have signed on and two come with a lot of experience.
- The Fire Department had two recent calls. One a garage that was knocked down quickly and the other a chimney fire in an older house.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Yard Waste

- Mayor Gilmour explained that Bryan will be getting ecology blocks to set up for the dumpster, and Louie Gibson offered to donate some time to help set it up for receiving debris. Mayor Gilmour said he would donate some of his wages towards this and the City will have to do a budget amendment to allocate expenses and revenues.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Works Step Increase

- Discussion was had that Bryan Nash would get a step increase at a previous union negotiation. Councilmember McLean asked if it was part of the union contract, and stated that it was too fuzzy at the moment until the contract is figured out.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to give Bryan Nash a step increase to a level 32. Motion died due to lack of a second.

B. Librarian Wage/Budget

- Board member Becky Bosch explained that Lynette has not had an increase in her wage since starting. The library is not asking for any more money in their budget, they just moved items

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around to make up for the increase in wages and benefits. This is not a union position. This \$1 increase would be effective for January's hours.

MOTION: Councilmember Hink made a motion to give the librarian a \$1 per hour increase; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

C. Fire Department – Fire Truck

- Fire Chief Scott Ciraulo presented a power point on a 1992 enclosed cab Seagrave, Issaquah is leaving many extras including ladders, axes etc. The 1985 FMC that was on loan for a year and a half has now turned into a gift. Scott called District 7 and they are interested in buying it back. There has been some money put into it with new tires etc. Only 5 fire fighters can drive the old engine and all volunteers will be able to drive the new engine. The City would come up with \$10,000 down and \$5,000 in 2015 and \$5,000 in 2016. In 2012, the department had sold some surplus vehicles and Council had earmarked that money to be used for vehicle replacement which was \$4800.00. Recently they just surplused an aid car for \$750.00 and Mayor Gilmour had donated \$300 in January to the Fire Department Vehicle Fund. District 7 stated they were interested in purchasing the 1985 FMC for approximately \$7,000. All monies would go towards the new engine. Councilmember Hink asked what the water capacity was, it is 1500 gallons. Councilmember McLean inquired about the mileage it has 92,000 and it is 22 year old with 6,000 hours and diesel.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the purchase of the 1992 Seagrave Fire Engine; second by Councilmember McCollum.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

D. Police Department - Curfew

- Mayor Gilmour had found some material from the City's attorney stating that a curfew is probably not in the Cities best interest, due to law suits.

TABLED

E. Train Depot

- Mayor Gilmour will be looking into contacting Dave Riechart for grant information. He stated that he walked through the depot and it needs a foundation but has a decent roof. Councilmember McCollum stated it was on the historical registry.

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F. Ramos – Donation of Vacant Land for Plotted Alley

- Mr. Ramos is interested in donating a strip of land (see attached) and wanted to know if the City was interested. Councilmember Hink said there would be some issues with the Department of Ecology and building a bridge. Ben Whitehurst from the Fire Department did not believe there would be a fire issue. Mike Long thought with the tress and utility poles there could be an issue.

Tabled until Bryan Nash can get some more information.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. January 28, 2014 payables \$26,590.61

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to pay January 28, 2014 payables in the amount of \$26,590.61; second by Councilmember Hink.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Gilmour reported that he got his flaggers card.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Meeting is adjourned until Thursday January 30th @ 6:30 where they will go in to executive session regarding Union Contracts.

ADJOURN: 8:21 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Gilmour

Debbie Lee, Clerk/Treasurer