

**City of Kittitas
Special
Council Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2014**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Huber called the Special Council Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. October 21, 2014. Councilmembers present: Ben Whitehurst, Jaimi Huber, Jerry Lael, John Camarata and Darrell McLean. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer, Bryan Nash – PW, Michelle Geiger – Building Official, Katherine Kenison – Attorney. Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Huber would like to add under New Business C. Loan PW Building.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the agenda as amended under New Business C. Loan PW Building; Second by Councilmember Lael.

Motion carried: 5 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Ordinance regarding Medical & Recreational Marijuana uses in the City of Kittitas.

- City Attorney Katherine Kenison gave Council an overview of what is happening with medical and recreational marijuana in the legislature. There are two separate issues that the legislature did not clarify.
- Katherine stated that the City of Kittitas A. Can do nothing. B. Ban altogether. C. impose a moratorium for six months. D. Change zoning. Katherine went on to explain all the pros and cons of each decision. If Council chose to impose a 6 month moratorium they could extend it at the end of the 6 months, or they could take a recommendation from the Planning Commission possibly on zoning.
- The City of Kittitas will have to have a public hearing in 60 days at the December 9th Council Meeting.
- Councilmember Lael wondered why as a council or City they just say they do not want Marijuana at all and being a former police officer he is concerned with the issue of accessibility. Councilmember Whitehurst would like to see a map with the 1000 foot radius from parks and schools.

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- Katherine thought the safest route would be approving Resolution 14-025 R on an emergency basis and have the planner and planning commission look at other Cities provisions and use categories etc.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to accept Ordinance 14-025 imposing a moratorium on medical and recreational marijuana in the City of Kittitas; second by Councilmember Camarata. Motion Carried 5 yes 0 no.

B. Executive Session – Potential adoption of a policy that could result in litigation.

- Not needed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Mayor Huber informed Council that RCAC added a 10% contingency to the loan amount for the PW Building. This is common practice so they can assure that upon completion the building will be worth the dollar amount loaned. Consensus was had from Council to move forward and adopt the loan agreement at October 28, 2014 Council Meeting.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Christmas in Kittitas was discussed; Canfield said that the City was covered if they were in control of the event.
- Councilmember Lael would like to know how much it would be for a private citizen to purchase event insurance. Clerk Debbie Lee will look into that.
- Katherine stated that all Cities have the same issues.

ADJOURN: 7:47 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Huber

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer