

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
December 23, 2014**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Darrell McLean led those assembled in the Flag Salute. Mayor Pro Tem McLean called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. December 23, 2014. Mayor Huber was absent.
Councilmembers present: Ben Whitehurst, Jaimi Huber, Jerry Lael, John Camarata and Darrell McLean.
Staff present: Bryan Nash – Public Works Foreman and Becky Bosch – Library Board.

**EXCUSING THE MAYOR’S ABSENCE & APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 9, 2014**

MOTION: Councilmember J. Huber made a motion to approve Mayor Huber’s absence; second by Councilmember Lael.
Motion carried: 5 yes 0 no.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting dated December 9th, 2014; second by Councilmember Lael.
Motion carried: 5 yes 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICES AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports (informational only)

Bryan Nash – Public Works Foreman

- Bryan reported that the roof and foundation is done on the Public Works building. The foundations and most of the walls are up. Tomorrow Belsaas & Smith is pouring the slab. Councilmember Lael inquired as to why they pour the slab after; Bryan explained that the weather and subs played a role in the decision of pouring the slab later. Councilmember Lael asked when the building would be completed; Bryan thought the end of January.

Becky Bosch – Library Board

- The library has talked with Monte Sabin at the School District and the Library Board would like

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to be an advocate for the preschool reading program. There are not any options for using the school as a temporary library but the school is open to letting the library use space for storage. The Board is anxious about the remodel and is still looking for options as where to house the library during construction.

- Patrons have been coming in and using the computers and numbers are looking good.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Councilmember Lael was inquiring about the confusion of the brush truck purchase, he believed that it was full steam ahead with the purchase in 2014; Cascade Equipment will not take the support rig as trade so the Fire Department is looking into selling. Councilmember J. Huber wanted to clarify the price of the brush truck and the trade value, they stated it was \$10,000 and the Fire Department will have to sell the support rig outright.
- It was Council's understanding that this was approved at the last meeting that everyone was in agreement that the purchase was to take place in 2014. Mayor Pro Tem McLean said he would discuss the confusion during payables.

NEW BUSINESS

A. City – County Library Service Agreement

- Councilmember J. Huber was inquiring what the action was that needed to be taken; this is an annual agreement that needs signed by Council and the Library Board for the funds the City will receive in 2015 which is \$7,000.00.

MOTION: Councilmember J. Huber made a motion to approve the signing of the City-County Library Agreement; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

B. Ordinance 14-034 2014 Budget Amendment

- Mayor Pro Tem McLean and Council were confused as to what the amendment was about, after some discussion, Bryan called clerk/treasurer Debbie on the phone and via speaker phone Debbie explained that this was a budget amendment decreasing the ending balance by \$4,500 to cover the 3/10's fund through December's payroll. This is a requirement by the State to inform the public and state that the City was going to be over the budgeted amount for 2014.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion approving Ordinance 14-034 Budget Amendment; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.

Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

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PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. December 23, 2014 Payables \$184,041.45

- Discussion was had regarding the purchase of the brush truck from Cascade Equipment. It was Councils understanding that the purchase was going to be made in 2014 with funds that were not spent in the 2014 budget with volunteer wages, equipment etc. Councilmember Lael was wondering if another check could be approved to pay the entire amount for 2014. Mayor Pro Tem McLean explained that the check needs to go through the payment process. Mayor Pro Tem McLean is assuming that Scott has had this discussion with Cascade Equipment on the payment dates.
- Councilmember Lael inquired about the oil change and if the City shops around. Officer Taylor explained that Les Schwab is convenient you usually get in and out and they check over the vehicle as well.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve December 23rd payables; second by Councilmember Lael.
Motion carried 5 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Pro Tem McLean does not have a report.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Officer Taylor thanked the Street Department for their help with the Christmas in Kittitas parade route and barricades.

ADJOURN: 8:17 p.m.?

Attest:

Mayor Huber

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer