

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2015**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute. Mayor Huber called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. May 12, 2015. Councilmembers present: Ben Whitehurst, Jerry Lael, John Camarata and Darrell McLean. Councilmember J. Huber was absent. Staff present: Debbie L. Lee – Clerk/Treasurer, Michelle Geiger – Building Official, Dave Anderson – Police, Brenda Bach – WWTP.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 28, 2015

- Councilmember Camarata would like to have the minutes amended. Councilmember Camarata was listed as making the motion and the second as well.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve the minutes having the clerk correct the mistake for the minutes dated April 28th, 2015; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to excuse Councilmember J. Huber; second by Councilmember McLean.
Motion carried: 4 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 Lael.
Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

- Jerry Gilmour wanted to know if the City had flood insurance on the PW Shop. Mayor Huber stated this was for comment only and not a dialogue. Jerry also stated that Cal Jordan had looked into the cost of the insurance on the Community Hall/Library Project and he had budgeted \$2500.00.
- Marti Canatsey read a statement from USDA Rural Development stating that they would need a formal letter from Mayor Huber officially declining the funding.

REPORT OF OFFICES AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports (informational only)

Michelle Geiger – Building Official

- Best Assets LLC received their fence permit. The plans were submitted to Gray & Osborne on their

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recommendation for SEPA. Once that is complete a building permit will be issued. A total of three permits will be issued for this project.

- The planning commission met and discussed the container/trailer issue. They felt that it is an allowed use in the Industrial Zone as long as it was hidden by a fence.
- Michelle attended the Melchor court hearing and there are two more scheduled next month.
- Building permits are about the same as last year. So far this year there have been 6 zoning/CUP permits compared to 0 last year.

Brenda Bach – WWTP

- Department of Ecology has required a new herbicide test to be done. Brenda completed the testing and no herbicides were detected.
- Every three years lead and copper testing is required. Department of Ecology selects 10 homes in the City limits these homes have to be built between the years 1982 – 1987.
- Two more tests need to be completed this year and they are the chloride residue and nitrate tests, Brenda will complete these as soon as possible to stay compliant.

Dave Anderson - Police

- Dave reported that a resident was cleaning his vehicle out and went to his garage for a minute and came back and all of his car seats, stroller etc. were stolen. The police looked on social media since they were specialty car seats, Chief Nierman's father-in-law noticed everything sitting at the end of his driveway in the Yakima canyon. This was a positive outcome using social media.

B. Budget Report

- Mayor Huber explained that Council will go over this during the Mayor's report.

C. Treasurer's Report

- No comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Water/Sewer Regulations 13.04.202 Ord. 15-010

- Discussion was had that this is per City Ordinance for Council to approve or deny the 2% increase.

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MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-010; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no

B. Zayo Franchise 2nd Reading & Adoption Ord. 15-011

- Mayor Huber read Ordinance 15-011 by title. It was approved at the 04-28-15 Council Meeting, this was the second reading.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 15-011; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

C. Public Hearing Medical Marijuana Findings & Facts Ord. 15-013

- The Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m.
- Brenda McPherson asked what this Ordinance is in regards to. Mayor Huber explained that it goes before the Planning Commission and they make a recommendation to Council. Also, the City attorney makes a recommendation. They recommended adopting another 6 month moratorium and hopefully by then legislature will make additional decisions at the state level.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Amend Construction Specs (street Lights) 15-014R

- Mayor Huber explained that the City needed to change the construction specs for street light requirements, so that they would be consistent with what is on Main Street.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve Resolution 15-014R; second by Councilmember McLean.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

B. Chamber of Commerce – 2015 Car Show

- Jessica Tate Director of Events with the Chamber of Commerce spoke to Council regarding the plans for Kruisin Kittitas Burn Outs and Car Show. Jessica will work closely with the Police, Public Works and Fire Department. The topics she discussed were waiving the noise ordinance, which will be addressed on the next agenda. Also she asked if the City would waive business licenses for the vendors. Council agreed this would be the case. The City and the Chamber have

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increased safety by having ecology block, ropes, safety inspections on the cars, the entrants are also required to have a drive shaft loop installed, over the age of 18, proof of insurance and valid driver's license. Other events they are adding this year is a carburetor cook off and possibly a swap meet.

- Discussion was had regarding Event Insurance; the City of Kittitas has always been able to have a certificate of insurance for this event.
- Councilmember McLean asked who's event it was. Mayor Huber explained that it is the City's direction and the Chamber markets.
- Brenda McPherson stated that City employees are involved. Bryan and Tom set the barriers up, safety inspect the cars etc. The Police help with crowd control as well as the Fire Department. Brenda also read an email from Canfield explaining the insurance.
- Councilmember Lael was concerned about it being lawful to burn your tires on a public street, and stated he wasn't being negative just asking questions.
- Brenda McPherson stated that because one person is opposed the majority of the people like the event. Mayor Huber explained that Council is aware of who they represent.
- Councilmember Camarata stated the event has been around for 14 years and should continue.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata a made a motion to approve the 14th Annual Kruisin Kittitas Burn Outs and Car Show; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. May 12, 2015 Payables \$37,032.40

- Councilmember McLean inquired about the sight/scope for the Police Department.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the payables; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

B. May EFT \$5,978.59

- Councilmember Lael inquired about Moon Security. It was explained that this is for the Police evidence room, City Hall and the WWTP.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve May EFT's; second by Councilmember

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Camarata.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

C. April Payroll/May Mid-Month Draw \$57,109.65

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve April Payroll/May Mid-Month Draw; second by Councilmember: McLean.

Motion carried: 4 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Huber and Bryan will attend a no host lunch with the City of Ellensburg to meet the new PW Lead at the Pasta Company.
- Council looked at the revenues received to date.
- Mayor Huber thought the City was overall in a pretty good situation, and that the City had paid for ½ of the new PW Building.
- Next Council meeting they will look at expenses. Jail costs are up, Chief Nierman looked at other jails and what they charge and Kittitas County is reasonable. Mayor Huber explained that the City is also responsible for medical bills of inmates and you can't budget for that.

ADJOURN: 7:58 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Huber

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer