

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
August 11, 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. August 11, 2015. Councilmembers present: Ben Whitehurst, J. Huber, John Camarata, Jerry Lael and Darrell McLean. Staff present: Michelle Geiger – Building Official and Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer.

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

MOTION: Councilmember J. Huber made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember J. Huber made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

None

REPORT OF OFFICES AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports (informational only)

Michelle Geiger – Building Official

- Verizon submitted their CUP parts of this were incomplete and they have only so many days to complete. Verizon has approximately 28 days to return all information otherwise the application dies.
- Best Assets have all permits. They have installed the waterline across the road and are now working on the second driveway.
- Currently there are three Boundary Line Adjustment applications that are active.
- Two tenant improvement applications that are active.
- There is also some planning and land use applications in the works.

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- Mayor Huber inquired about the update on the warehouse that Bill Gordon was proposing, Michelle stated she has not heard back from Mr. Gordon.

B. Budget Report

- Councilmember Lael inquired about what the final number that Bryan would need to finish the PW Shop for supplies so the Council could figure out what the final figure will be to do the budget amendment.

C. Treasurer's Report

- No comment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 15-021 "Fireworks" Language

- Councilmember Lael explained that the 350 foot buffer regarding churches, schools, public owned building really reduces where fireworks can legally be lit, and it becomes unenforceable for police. Councilmember McLean stated the police would not be able to enforce because they cannot be everywhere.
- Michelle explained that the original intention of changing the language was due to the critical weather conditions without instituting a complete ban.

Tabled for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dog Variance – Fuentes

- David Fuentes spoke regarding they got the lab last year and it had been mistreated. David had moved back home with his parents and the dog came with him and his mother got attached to the dog also.
- Councilmember J. Huber asked when David moved back home? He replied August. All dogs have been licensed, up to date on their shots and the variance fee paid.
- Councilmember Lael likes dogs and noted that council always allows the variance why not do away with it. Mayor Huber stated that there is a clause in the KMC for variances.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the variance; second by

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Councilmember J. Huber.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

B. Ordinance 15-027 Amending Chapter 8.10.030 Nuisance Defined

- Mayor Huber explained that this is a tree overhang nuisance. Councilmember Camarata asked why it was being changed. Mayor Huber stated that vehicles hit the branches and in the spring time this becomes a bigger issue. Jeanette Bryant inquired if this depends where the tree is either on public or private property. Mayor Huber stated yes.
Councilmember Camarata did not think this was necessary.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-027; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
Motion Carried: 4 yes 1 no (Councilmember Camarata).

C. 15-028 Amending Chapter 17.44.150 Public Nuisance

- Michelle explained to Council that this noise ordinance is difficult to cite since the City does not have anything to measure the noise decibels. Councilmember Camarata asked how you cite then; Michelle said if you have to go to the house more than 3 times they would be subject to a citation.
- Councilmember J. Huber said they had a problem with a barking dog and a neighbor complaining.
- Mayor Huber informed Council that if there is an event such as the burnouts you apply for a noise variance.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-028; second by Councilmember J. Huber.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

D. Police Department Surplus to Kittcom (4) Laptops

- Tabled due to no information from the Police Department.

E. Resolution 15-029 Petty Cash and Till Fund

- Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee explained that since there are two tills with only \$75 in each till there are not enough increments to keep small bills in the tills.

MOTION: Councilmember J. Huber made a motion to approve Resolution 15-029R: second by Councilmember Camarata.
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PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. August 11, 2015 Payables \$28,239.48

- Councilmember Lael inquired about the inmate medical and housing and if this was both figured in the payables. He also asked about the Exit 115 was this all fuel City wide. He also asked about pump tech was this for the repair for the fluent pump seal.

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve August 11 payables; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

B. July 2015 EFT \$13,421.83

MOTION: Councilmember J. Huber made a motion to approve July 2015 EFT payables; second by Councilmember Lael.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

C. July Payroll/August Mid-Month Draws \$50,675.12

MOTION: Councilmember Lael made a motion to approve the July Payroll/August Mid-Month Draws: Second by Councilmember McLean.

Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: To Consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)** Mayor Huber explained that they would be going into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for approximately 10 minutes. Michelle Geiger joined them.
- They came out of executive session at 7:53 with no decisions being made.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Council discussion was had regarding the car show and giving the kids more to do. They talked about having a dunk tank, bouncy houses (too much of a liability). The chamber markets this and the Cities insurance covers the event.

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ADJOURN: 7:56 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Huber

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer