

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2016
Special Meeting**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. March 17, 2016. Councilmembers present: Dan Sherman, Jerry Gilmour, Ben Whitehurst, and Jasen Carlson. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer., Bryan Nash – Public Works and Brenda Bach – WWTP.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Water/Sewer Vehicle

- Mayor Whitford had directed Bryan and Brenda to research a new vehicle for City use. Bryan researched several used vehicles that had over 100,000 miles and were the same or close to the same price as a new vehicle through municipal/government financing. This particular offer expires March 20, 2016 so this is why a special meeting was called.
- The vehicle Bryan presented was a 2016 Ford F250 for \$29,666.26 with 5 annual payments at \$6,820.16 per year at an interest rate of 6.45%.
- Councilmember Sherman inquired as to why a new vehicle vs. used. Bryan explained that the pricing and mileage you could not compete. Bryan stated this vehicle was quoted as a basic rig. Councilmember Sherman asked where the money was coming from.
- There was some confusion that since this vehicle would be used by all departments that each department was to show cuts that could be made to help with the annual payment not just coming from the water/sewer fund.
- Brenda explained that looking at her budget she did not see where she could get this amount of money per year out of her budget, possibly next year but not this year.
- Councilmember Carlson agreed that with good equipment work is more productive and appreciated the work that Bryan put into this.
- Citizen Tony Helland stated that in this year's budget there was not a 5/6 year commitment for a vehicle replacement and should consider at budget time this year.
- Councilmember Gilmour thought that 3 bids had to be submitted, Bryan stated not with a government rate.
- Councilmember Sherman thought that Bryan and Brenda were to work on this together so he was a

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bit confused.

- Councilmember Gilmour stated that the Police need vehicles also.
- Councilmember Whitehurst suggested using the Ford Explorer from the fire department in the meantime. Possibly they could take the equipment off so everyone can use it. Councilmember Gilmour stated he would help strip the vehicle if needed.
- Councilmember Sherman stated that it was not a crisis yet- but necessary and well needed.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer