

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2016**

COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Whitford led those assembled in the Flag Salute. Mayor Whitford called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. July 12, 2016. Councilmembers present: Jerry Gilmour, Ben Whitehurst, Jasen Carlson and John Camarata. Councilmember Dan Sherman was absent. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to excuse Councilmember Sherman; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED
JUNE 28th, 2016**

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

Motion Carried: 3 yes 1 no Councilmember Gilmour was not in favor of the agreement with Gray & Osborne with regards to painting the water tower.

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: 4 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

- None

REPORT OF OFFICES AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports (informational only)

- None

B. Budget Report

- Councilmember Carlson inquired about the election fees. It was explained that this is what the county charges to cover the cost of elections.

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C. Treasurer's Report

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 16-012 "Building Codes"

- Mayor Whitford explained that the International Building Codes are adopted by Washington State Cities and that all building codes are on a 3 year cycle and this Ordinance will be adopting 2012 codes to keep up with the state.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve Ordinance 16-012; second by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Agreement Baer Testing – Patrick Avenue Phase 1 Material Testing

- The City is required to have an independent firm test the material for the Patrick Avenue Phase 1 project. Gray & Osborne helped facilitate this agreement.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked if this cost was figured in the grant. The answer was yes it was figured into the project cost.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitehurst made a motion to accept the agreement; second by Councilmember Camarata.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. June EFT's \$12,970.96

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve June EFT's; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

B. June Payroll/July Mid-Month Draws \$50,219.16

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MOTION: Councilmember Gilmour made a motion to approve June Payroll/July Mid-Month Draws; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

C. July 12th, 2016 Payables \$30,753.39

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve July 12th Payables; second by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Whitford informed Council that the office would be closed on Friday July 15th.
- Mayor Whitford will be on vacation from July 15th – July 20th.
- Wednesday July 6th the city had interviews and hired a new Public Works Lead Scott Moore. He will start working on July 22nd. The second round of interviews for the Utility Worker position will be on July 25th.
- Brenda, Mike and the temporary employee Kash along with Dan Sherman worked all day on two water leaks. These leaks were on Railroad and 1st.
- Jose Preciado has resigned as Lieutenant of the Fire Department as of August 1st. Lou will present him with a certificate of appreciation.
- Mayor Whitford has met with Fire Chief Scott Ciraulo regarding the merger with KVFR. Scott Cirarulo put in his resignation effective August 1st and would like Buddy Shuart to act as interim Chief. Mayor Whitford has heard from USDA regarding the conditions of the Grant for the Fire Department and will move forward with meeting with the County to see if merging departments is the answer.
- Mayor Whitford stated that the shooting in Dallas is a sad occasion and wants the Kittitas Police Officers to remain safe.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Gilmour asked if the City really needs two employees for Public Works. Mayor Whitford said yes. There are many projects that need to be taken care of the burnouts, the water leak, ditch's need cleaned and reading the meters.

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- Councilmember Carlson had questions regarding the merger of the Fire Department with the County. Councilmember Carlson's questions were would insurance rates go down to citizens, would property taxes go up. Councilmember Whitehurst explained the call process for fires. If no volunteers answer the page in the City, it gets toned to the County so it could take at least 15 – 20 minutes before a response. EMS services are covered already with the interlocal agreement.
- Mayor Whitford would like to make sure the Council decides what the best answer is for the City. Mayor Whitford would like to have a Town Hall Meeting with public, council, and KVFR to go over all of the questions.
- Discussion was had regarding the amount of training that volunteer firemen are required to receive. Four of the ten current volunteers live in the City limits.
- Councilmember Carlson asked about a server. Mayor Whitford explained that the money for the server is not in the budget this year, but she would like Council to consider for the 2017 Budget along with individual phones for all police officers.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked if the new hire could be a volunteer. Mayor Whitford stated that at the next Council Meeting they will have a resolution on the agenda regarding volunteers being on Council.

ADJOURN: 7:46 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Whitford

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer