

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 23, 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. August 23, 2016. Councilmembers present: Jerry Gilmour, Ben Whitehurst, Jasen Carlson and John Camarata. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer, Brenda Bach –WWTP, Scott Moore- PW Lead and Cathy Doyle – Utility Billing Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED  
AUGUST 9, 2016**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gilmour made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Councilmember Camarata.  
Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Whitford would like to add under New Business B. Payment Approval L-Boz Construction.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; second by Councilmember Gilmour.  
Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS**

- Tiny Allphin is concerned about the debris in Cook Creek. He was under the impression that Bryan Nash applied for a permit. Brenda Bach informed him that this had not happened and new employee Scott Moore will be contacting DOE to acquire a permit to get the creek cleaned out. Councilmember Whitehurst thought the permit had been applied for as well.
- Bev Allphin wanted to thank the Fire Department for hosing off the bushes on Patrick.

**REPORT OF OFFICES AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**A. Staff Reports (informational only)**

- Gray & Osborne came and did a presentation on the State of the Infrastructure. See attached documentation.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Fire Department Merger KVFR**

- Councilmember Gilmour was wondering if there was a way to recruit more volunteers for the Fire Department. Councilmember Gilmour is also concerned about losing another department within the City.
- Mayor Lou Whitford would like Council to review all documentation and will discuss this issue further.

**B. Personnel Policy**

- Canfield has had time to look over the personnel policy and there is only one issue. Discussion was had with Council regarding per diem pay. It was decided that receipts need to be provided for payment and Employees have the availability to take a City credit card for expenses if they do not want to pay out of pocket and be reimbursed after the purchase. The personnel policy will be updated to reflect this and voted on at the next Council Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Curly's Café' and Beer Garden Liquor License (Informational Only)**

- Mayor Whitford explained that this license application is from the new owners and the City has not gotten any complaints. Mayor Whitford welcomes the new business to the City.

**B. L-Boz Payment Approval**

- Dan Sherman presented a bill for his help with the water main break. He used his company's equipment and fuel.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gilmour made a motion to approve L-Boz invoice; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**PAYMENT APPROVALS**

**A. August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 Payables \$18,212.38**

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve August 23<sup>rd</sup>, payables; second by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

- Councilmember Gilmour had concerns about the pump being fixed. Brenda Bach from the WWTP felt they were both brand new and should be returned. Scott Moore with PW stated he will clean and test the pumps when he has time.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Whitford informed Council that they are just \$400 short of their goal for the digital reader board. There will not be any more swap meets until next year. Jeanette Bryan is concerned about the buyers that need to be notified that the City will not have any more swap meets this year. Mayor Whitford stated that the people who have paid for their spots have been notified and refunded their money.
- The new City logo has been modified and they will be making one more change. Scott Moore stated that for a patch the design will need to be modified a bit. This logo will be used for letter head, envelopes, business cards etc.
- COG had approximately \$750, 00 funds available to be disbursed to different cities. The City of Kittitas did receive a grant in the amount of \$249,000 for a lift station that will serve businesses from RR to approximately the AGSNW building.
- Jimmy Watterson will be providing a semi and trailer for the parade. Mayor Whitford has been working on banners and decorations for Rodeo Weekend. Mayor Whitford stated she needed help with the decorations and possibly people who were wanting to ride on the float. Dick Brown will be Santa Claus.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- Councilmember Gilmour is concerned about the water truck, little white Toyota and the water line fix. Mayor Whitford said all of these things are on the to-do list and that everyone is working hard to get these things accomplished.
- Councilmember Gilmour was concerned about the complaint he submitted regarding the overhang of the shrubs hindering his sight at the stop sign. Mayor Whitford explained to Councilmember Gilmour that Chief Nierman measured this area and it is within the site limits. Also Scott Moore with PW stated that this shrub will be getting trimmed due to the fact the sidewalks are being installed.

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- Citizen Bev Allphin wanted to know what color the water tower was going to be painted. Mayor Whitford stated that her vote is for blue due to the fact if you live at Cahill all you look at is the water tower. Brenda Bach with the WWTP stated that the color has not yet been selected.

**ADJOURN: 7:59 p.m.**

**Attest:**

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Mayor Whitford

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Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer