

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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. September 13, 2016. Councilmembers present: Jerry Gilmour, Ben Whitehurst, Jasen Carlson and John Camarata. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer, Michelle Geiger – Safe Built.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED
AUGUST 23rd, 2016**

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve the minutes; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee would like to add under payment approvals Advantage Dirt \$73,715.38 and Gray & Osborne \$9,346.66 the remainder of the grant money was submitted to TIB and when that money is received the City will mail out the remaining portion of the original invoices. This will be added under payment approvals.

Councilmember Camarata would like to add before Staff Reports: New Council Position.

Councilmember Carlson had questions about Patrick Avenue funding and if this was total grant money that was received, it was except there is some match money the City will have to pay.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitehurst made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; second by Councilmember Camarata.
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

- Sharron Damm lives at 501 Okanogan and is concerned about the garbage, smell and animals that are near the trailer park on Spokane Street. She has pictures of the garbage as well. Her neighbor Jeff Schmitt has seen raccoons over by the garbage and is complaining as well. They believe this is a serious issue. Sharron also appreciated the newsletter.
- Mayor Whitford explained that the police have been working on the issue and she will talk with them again in the morning at the staff meeting.

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VACANT COUNCIL POSITION

Mayor Whitford read the only letter of interest that was submitted. This letter was submitted by Pat Cort who has served on Council before and various other committees. She feels she will be able to serve the community well.

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to appoint Pat Cort to the vacant Council seat; second by Councilmember Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

Mayor Whitford then swore in Pat Cort.

REPORT OF OFFICES AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. Staff Reports (informational only)

- None

B. Budget Report

- Mayor Whitford informed Council that there will be a budget meeting on Tuesday September 20th at 6:00 p.m. and open to the public.

C. Treasurer's Report

- None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Personnel Policy

- Mayor Whitford is pleased that the personnel policy is complete. She had the attorney and Canfield review the policy and they both approved.

MOTION: Councilmember Gilmour made a motion to approve the policy; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
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NEW BUSINESS

- None

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. September 13, 2016 Payables \$22,013.74

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve September 13th payables; second by Councilmember Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

B. August EFT's \$3,820.48

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to pay August EFT's; second by Councilmember Whitehurst.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

C. August Payroll/September Mid-Month Draws \$49,415.67

MOTION: Councilmember Gilmour made a motion to approve August Payroll/September Mid-Month Draws; second by Councilmember Camarata.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

D. Advantage Dirt \$73,715.38 & Gray & Osborne \$9,346.66

MOTION: Councilmember Camarata made a motion to approve Advantage Dirt & Gray & Osborne Payables; second by Councilmember Gilmour.
Motion Carried: 5 yes 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Whitford informed Council that there will be a budget meeting September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and open to staff and the public.
- Mayor Whitford entered a float in the Kittitas County Parade and this was the first time a float had been entered. She had a volkswagon decorated as a pumpkin with Charlie Brown characters, a Christmas tree with Santa and it was a big hit. Jimmy Watterson donated his semi and trailer.
- The new City Logo is copyrighted and now the property of Kittitas. Lou's mother paid for this as a

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gift to the city.

- The Chamber of Commerce is coming out to City Hall on Thursday at 2:30 to discuss rebranding of the City.
- Councilmember Gilmour wanted to know what branding was, it was explained that full steam ahead is outdated since we no longer have train tracks in the city etc.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Gilmour was able to purchase a refurbished dishwasher for the Community Hall. Jeanette Bryant located some at a Yard Sale that was Carl Beadle's so Jerry feels confident this was a good purchase. Now it just needs to be installed.
- Pat Cort is excited to be serving on City Council.
- Councilmember Gilmour is still concerned about the garbage around town; Mayor Whitford stated it was being taken care of.
- Councilmember Camarata is impressed with the public works employees.
- There is a COG meeting next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. anyone is invited.
- Councilmember Carlson is concerned about the water main repair and possibly having it hired to be done. Mayor Whitford stated that could be looked at during the budget meeting next week.
- Councilmember Carlson also wants to know what the main concerns for the 2017 budget are. The water tower needing paint, server, vehicles and turn out gear for the Fire Department. Pat Cort stated that there are grants for the turnout gear.

ADJOURN: 7:46 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Whitford

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer