

**City of Kittitas**  
**Work/Study Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2017**

**Work/Study Meeting Attendance**

Lou Whitford – Mayor  
Jerry Gilmour – Councilmember  
Pat Cort - Councilmember  
Ben Whitehurst – Councilmember

Special Guests

John Sinclair –Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue  
Pat Clerf – Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue  
Bryce Jungquist – Daily Record

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

**Points of Discussion**

- There were no concerns about the minutes.
- Councilmember Gilmour felt that the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update was too expensive.
- Discussion was had regarding the All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance that is being proposed.
- Councilmember Gilmour does not think they should be allowed on City Streets, people will be running over lawns.
- Councilmember Whitehurst was open to the idea if they use them on the roads but could see a potential problem if they were misused. Whitehurst thought it would be a good idea to have Chief Nierman check with the City of Cle Elum to see what issues they have had since enacting their ordinance.
- Councilmember Cort thought if a process was put in place first this could help with issues. Cort also stated that golf carts and All-Terrain Vehicles are two different forms of vehicles.
- Pat Clerf stated that it all depends on what you want the community to be and that they could be possibly used for City workers, Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue has acquired one for their use.
- Council was inquiring about when the logos would be coming for the new Police cars. It was explained that there was a fire in the building where the decal shop was located and this could be the reasoning behind the slowness.

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- It was discussed that 100% of the Code Enforcements Officers wages would come from the 3/10's fund and that all of the lease payments for the Ford Explorer's will come from the general fund. This should not affect the budget.
- There currently is a vacant Council position, Council is hopeful that it will be filled soon.
- A quote for some type of server and new computers was received from Complete Computer Services. Clerk Debbie Lee will contact them and set up a meeting with Pat Cort, Utility Billing Clerk Cathy Doyle to discuss this quote.
- The Umpqua Bank CD will be expiring so Council will need to decide if they want to roll the CD for another 6 months, deposit the money into the checking account or invest with TVI.
- John Sinclair and Pat Clerf discussed with Council the pros and cons of Kittitas Volunteer Fire merging with Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue.
- This would need to be placed on the ballot by August 6<sup>th</sup>; Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue will help the City with a Resolution to put this on the ballot.
- Councilmember Gilmour is concerned that the City will not be able to exist without the Volunteer Fire Department and wanted to know how much it would cost someone if their house was valued at \$200,000.
- Chief Sinclair explained that the first year the City would turn over the budgeted amount to Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue and then in 2019 the parcels would be in Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescues taxing authority.
- The City of Kittitas and Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue will share the cost of putting the merger on the ballot.
- Councilmember Gilmour wanted to know who would pay for the volunteer's wages. It was explained that they would be part of Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue.
- Currently citizens are paying \$1.02 for fire protection with a delay in response if merged they would pay \$1.50. Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue would still use the building as a capital facility until the City loan was no longer in jeopardy of not complying with the original grant/loan for City Hall. Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue would maintain everything and take liability and responsibility for all rolling stock.
- Pat Clerf stated that put the vote to the citizens to see what they would like done with their fire services. Pat Clerf also stated that it melds together well and should not be a big issue.

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- Councilmember Whitehurst stated that a resolution would be presented at the June 27<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to put on the ballot and a letter of support from the City Council.

**ADJOURN: 6:55 p.m.**

**Attest:**

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Mayor Lou Whitford

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Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer