

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2017

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

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

Mike Meskimen – Gray & Osborne
Michelle Geiger – Safebuilt
Brent Nierman – Chief of Police
Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- There were no concerns about the minutes.
- Chief Nierman explained to Council that Cle Elum has not had any negative impact on the City since passing the ATV Ordinance he will tailor it to the City of Kittitas including language for ATV's with snowplows allowing them to be on sidewalk for snow removal only.
- All streets in Kittitas are 35 mph and under, they have to be street legal and a licensed driver. This is not any different than a normal vehicle. Most of these types of vehicles are not noisy and not the racing type.
- Jessica Gleason would like the issue of snow plows to be allowed as they have elderly parents who they help plow out each year and this will make it much easier they won't have to load on a trailer drive two blocks unload etc.
- Councilmember Cort said several years ago there was an issue of people driving them on the sidewalks for plowing she would like to see this addressed in the Ordinance.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked who certifies them street legal. Chief Nierman said that there are laws in place to take care of the issues. Councilmember Gilmour felt like this was opening up a can of worms.
- Mayor Whitford asked how many were in town. Chief Nierman said not many as they can cost as much as a car.
- Two letters of interest for the vacant Council seat were submitted.

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- Mayor Whitford explained that the 6 year street plan is an annual report that needs submitted and Council and Public Works have set the priority list in the past. This year everything was just moved up one on the list.
- Mike from Gray & Osborne said that Spokane Street is not a priority as the contractor who had the development was to finish the paving. This project is not TIB eligible due to the contractor not completing.
- Citizens are concerned that this is a school walking path and a safety hazard for kids.
- Sidewalks are a priority on Spokane and there are other funding programs that come about every two years. The other issue is existing utilities need to be replaced and that needs to be taken into consideration when figuring the priority.
- The Comp Plan Update is complete and will be adopted at the meeting tonight.
- Mike from Gray & Osborne explained to Council that the recoating of the water tower went out to bid and no bids were received. Some contractors did not want to paint with such a thin coating but not understanding this was a temporary fix until funding to re coat the entire tower could be secured. Since no bids were received bid law allows the City to choose a contractor.
- Gray & Osborne reached out to two vendors they have used in the past to get bids. Purcell Painting came in with a bid of \$26,000 Gray & Osborne's engineer quoted about \$19,000. Gray & Osborne recommends this contractor and stated that you can see the paint flaking from the road. There is money set aside in the budget for this project.
- The branding that the Chamber has been working on needs consent from Council to finalize the plans so it can be implemented.
- Mayor Whitford stated that Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue needs a resolution from the City of Kittitas regarding the merger for their July meeting.
- Councilmember Cort wants the citizens to decide not Council.
- Councilmember Camarata said that if the resolution is passed the letter can come after the ballot and present at the next meeting.
- Councilmember Gilmour felt that the City was putting the cart before the horse and he is worried about people on fixed incomes.
- Inventory schedules were discussed and Mayor Whitford stated it is a beast to contend with that both the police department and public works are down a staff member. It was talked about

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maybe having outside help to tackle the project.

- Mike from Gray & Osborne said that the department of health's water system plan has an asset table included in that plan.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Lou Whitford

Debbie L. Lee Clerk/Treasurer