

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

Lou Whitford – Mayor
Pat Cort - Councilmember
John Camarata – Councilmember
Liz Smith – Councilmember

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- Councilmember Camarata was concerned that 37 lines on the budget report were in excess of the actual budgeted amount.
- No revenues have been received from Kittitas County on the library agreement. Clerk Debbie Lee asked the librarian Lynette Johnson to call the County and see what the problem is.
- Mayor Whitford would like Council to meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. starting October 3rd in preparation for the budget.
- Councilmember Cort stated that Council needs to get a good understanding of budget lines within funds and how City code affects the budget and understanding the City needs.
- Aspect consulting water right contract is being discussed. This contract is for \$3800.
- Councilmember Cort stated the City needs to see what water rights the City has and what the City needs in the future.
- Councilmember Gilmour wondered what this research would do for the City. Councilmember Camarata stated that it would clarify exactly what if any water rights the City of Kittitas has currently.
- Councilmember Smith questioned the fact that Aspect Consulting sells and facilitates water rights.
- Citizen Jeanette Bryant stated that a person needs to be grandfathered in to get water rights.
- Currently the City of Kittitas has a 30 year contract with Warm Springs which was signed in 2013.

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- Councilmember Cort stated that the Council needs to be active in the legislature and they are not active as a City.
- Councilmember Camarata wondered if the City signed the contract now, could it be effective January of 2018 so the City could put that amount into the budget.
- Mayor Whitford stated that the feedback from the Town Hall Meeting was good.
- Citizen Jeanette Bryant would like more information regarding the fire department merger out to the public before ballot time. Ballots go out October 10th, 2017.
- Councilmember Smith thought it would be a good idea to get a list of questions that citizens and Council have and submit to Chief Sinclair to answer them and also have him speak on October 7th, 2017 at a candidate's forum.
- Councilmember Cort stated that the garbage cans that are on Main Street need to be power washed as they are very dirty.
- Mayor Whitford stated that the Ordinance that Council is working on first is manufactured homes. This is Ordinance 17.44.120.
- Arvin Marchel's property is not a mobile home park it was solely residential with two homes on the lots.
- Mayor Whitford thought that the language should include Energy Star or Good Sense rated and that they could possibly be older than 10 years to place as long as they had either of these energy ratings.
- Mayor Whitford understands the thought to eliminate 1970 homes but manufactured homes have been being built with 2x6 walls and more energy efficient in recent years.
- Section (3) of this code stated can be less than 24 feet in width, it should read no less than 24 feet in width.
- Councilmember Camarata stated that codes need to be enforced.
- Citizen Jeanette Bryan had a question regarding codes being enforced and had heard that they are not enforced since the City of Kittitas does not have a court system. Jeanette Bryant felt that the problem is with the collection of the fines.

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- Councilmember Smith asked if Officer Taylor could come to next week's study session to discuss this topic.
- Councilmember Cort said that the cost of a court system based on calls might be something worth doing.
- Councilmember Gilmour said that Main Street has a garbage issue.
- Councilmember Cort brought an example of the City of Cle Elum's business license. Councilmember Cort stated that the problem is with people starting businesses and the City not having a lot of information about the business. Cle Elum also does annual fire inspections which the City of Kittitas does not.
- Mayor Whitford liked Cle Elum's application.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Lou Whitford

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer