

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

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

Ben Whitehurst- Councilmember
John Camarata – Councilmember
Jerry Gilmour – Councilmember
Liz Smith – Councilmember
Pat Cort - Mayor

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- Councilmembers had no concerns with the minutes.
- Mayor Cort attended the Library Board Meeting and requested that Lynette Johnson the librarian starts attending the Staff Meetings. The library needs to be more involved with the City.
- Police Chief Taylor will start attending the last Council Meeting of the month.
- Councilmember Smith was surprised at the low turnout for the Town Hall Meeting.
- Councilmember Camarata stated that people don't come because the City doesn't listen to them anyways.
- Mayor Cort thought that the low turnout was due to Christmas and December being a busy month.
- Councilmember Smith stated that the community needs to be involved if they want a voice. The notice was in Mayor Cort monthly newsletter, the reader board and on all December water bills.
- Discussion was had regarding the Shop with a Cop and how Kittitas was not mentioned as participating. Mayor Cort will call and let the editor know.
- Citizen Jeanette Bryant said that she had received a compliment on the City of Kittitas; someone she knew recently attended the Christmas in Kittitas and said how nice the event was.
- Councilmember Smith told Council she has been working with someone at CWU and would possibly like to start having poetry in the park in the summer months.

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- Discussion was had about investing more money with TVI and having the Cities money work for them.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked if the City has so much money why the City can't fix the water leak.
- Discussion was had about the 5% increase to all water and sewer base rates.
- Councilmember Smith inquired if once the budget is passed you can't discuss or make changes. Councilmember Camarata stated no once the budget is determined that is it.
- The City of Kittitas has not received the draft Annexation Agreement from KVFR.
- Two letters of interest have been received for the vacant Council position. Council will close this position the end of December and make the decision at the first meeting in January.
- Cindy Breck will come to Council and outline a proposal of two projects that the Rotary Club would like to do for the City of Kittitas. One is a restroom in the park and the other is landscaping and fixing the stairs at the library. Rotary does all of the leg work with bids etc. and fund the projects 100%. They would just need Council to approve.
- It was asked if the City needs to be a Rotary member, Mayor Cort stated that Cindy Breck is trying to get all Mayors to be honorary members.
- Councilmember Camarata stated that Mayor Cort needs to contact Canfield and have training for new Council and Mayor. Mayor Cort stated that she will in January after everyone is appointed. Mayor Cort also stated that this training is available in Yakima and Wenatchee on a regular basis.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked if there was any news from the Union. Mayor Cort stated that there was to be a meeting today but the Union Rep broke down on the freeway so he could not make the meeting.
- Councilmember Gilmour was also concerned about the streets cracking and stated that the Street Department needed to crack seal this year.

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ADJOURN: 6:40 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer