

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2018

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

John Camarata – Mayor Pro-Tem
Lou Whitford - Councilmember
Liz Smith – Councilmember
Jerry Gilmour – Councilmember

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer
Michelle Geiger – Safebuilt

Points of Discussion

- Councilmembers had no concerns with the minutes.
- Councilmember Whitford stated that the City attorney is still reviewing the KVFR annexation agreement.
- Councilmember Gilmour had concerns about Ellensburg having a big fire and what would happen in Kittitas. It was explained that there are other departments that would respond. Councilmember Gilmour also had questions about the property tax. It was explained that when the properties are annexed in 2019 that is when the taxes will be distributed to KVFR.
- Councilmember Smith stated this is why she voted yes for the annexation as there is more firefighters and equipment that will be able to respond to any calls in the City of Kittitas.
- Councilmember Camarata stated he does not know why Council is having a study session as all they do is discuss the council agenda. And there is a list of twelve things he can think of that need attention. Some items on his list that he cited were:
 - Building the second water tower.
 - Painting the existing water tower.
 - Buying water rights.
 - Repair the water main leak.
 - Extend the sewer line to Exit 115.
 - Purchasing proper tools for the staff.
 - Replace water meters.
 - Hiring two additional police officers
 - Hiring one more WWTP Operator to be compliant with DOE.
 - Hiring an additional PW employee to mow and irrigate.

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- Making the librarian a full time position is they are expected to attend staff meeting and Council Meetings.
- Councilmember Whitford stated that this is what the 5 year plan calendar is for. That Council is to have ideas and discuss and plan these things out. The painting of the water tower is being considered as there has been a \$5.00 surcharge added to the utility billing and setting that revenue aside for future use. Councilmember Whitford also stated that Mayor Cort wanted the calendar so as not to have a long list of items on the agendas, and that the Study Session is a time to discuss these items.
- Councilmember Smith stated that Council needs to look at solutions to fix the problems.
- Discussion was had regarding the 5 year plan and that this is an ongoing project for Council to discuss and come up with fixes.
- The water leak is being addressed. Public Works is talking with Gray & Osborne and putting a plan together, this takes time.
- Council asked when Judy Pless would be coming and discussing the budget with Council. An appointment was made for her to come.
- Councilmember Gilmour asked what the server was about. It was explained that Mayor Cort would like to start looking at a smaller server that will enable administration to share files and back up their files.
- Councilmember Smith stated that the City had two bids previously for the server but they were not compatible.
- Mayor Whitford would like to start looking at some of the ordinances and seeing which ones needed updating. Possibly looking at updating Business Licenses and the fire and safety code language as to inspections etc. Council thought this was a good idea.
- Councilmember Smith inquired about the livestock ordinance. Mayor Whitford stated that this was left in the hands of the people requesting the pigs and they have not contacted the City any further on this matter. It was noted that the pigs have been rehomed.
- Councilmember Whitford would like Councilmembers to bring their Ordinance books next meeting.
- Discussion was had regarding the Emergency Preparedness Plan. This is preparing in case the City of Kittitas had an emergency and how it would be handled.

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- Tiny Homes were discussed and Councilmember Whitford stated this was more of a land use issue and something Perteet could help with.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer