

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

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

Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- Councilmember Smith will assist Mayor Cort with the agenda and the flyer for the Town Hall Meeting on March 24th at 10:00 a.m.
- Mayor Cort is putting together a power point presentation for the Town Hall Meeting this will be a good tool to have as she can add/delete items for different topics and speaking engagements.
- Mayor Cort will be speaking at the Kiwanis Club meeting and will be requesting \$350 for books for the Library Halloween project. Mayor Cort will also be speaking at the Rotary Club in March.
- This power point will show what projects the City of Kittitas has going on, how the City is growing, and events.
- Councilmember Gilmour gave Mayor Cort information regarding the windows in the Community Hall. Mayor Cort will be working on writing a grant to Home Depot requesting the funds for this project.
- Mayor Cort has not heard from Cindy Breck regarding the Rotary and the steps project. Part of Mayor Cort speaking at the Rotary is letting them know that the City is requesting these funds for the project.
- Mayor Cort stated that citizen Rich Coleman had submitted his notes from the Ordinances that he was to look over. Rich's notes stated that he felt the code did not need any changing in the Business and Occupation section and Federal Sharing. The only change would possibly be adding imposing of late fees if Business Licenses were not paid in a timely manner.
- Councilmember Whitford wanted to know what the Cities vision of allowing tiny houses.

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- Mayor Cort will be meeting with Economic Development at the Chamber of Commerce on the 20th of March regarding the vision of Exit 115 with the zoning changes so as to not de-value the land.
- Councilmember Whitford informed Council that as the code reads now a tiny house is 400 square feet, there has to be a foundation. The City still would need another water tower, lift station. Councilmember Whitford was also wondering if the City has heard back on the people who were interested in developing their property by the high school. This group has not been back in to the City. Councilmember Whitford stated that the 2018 International Building Code has a new section regarding tiny houses.
- Mayor Cort stated that tiny houses still take up water connections. Lot sizes would need to be considered. Perteeet would need to answer this question.
- Councilmember Camarata thought that the zoning in the GMA would need to be changed.
- Councilmember Smith wondered if a fence could be built separating the John Wayne Trail from the industrial area.
- Councilmember Whitford thought the focus should be on Main Street then it would bleed out to Exit 115. Councilmember Whitford also inquired about the cost of banners and how many would be needed regarding the re-branding.
- Mayor Cort read the Ordinance chapters that were assigned to her and did not see anything that really needed changing but learned a lot from reading them.
- Councilmember Smith had questions regarding the official City newspaper being the Daily Record and if we put the Cities updated ordinances in them. The process was explained.
- Mayor Cort informed Council that she got a quote from Rufus Tech regarding the server for the front office only.
- The web page for the City is in need of updating and Tim McCready has offered to do this for a fee. Mayor Cort thought maybe a flat rate would be better than a monthly amount.
- Mayor Cort is working on the Emergency Preparedness Plan and should be close to be done by the end of the month.
- Gary Bye with New Life Church wanted to know if the City would like to participate in the Easter Program. Councilmember Whitford stated she would like to join.

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- Mayor Cort stated that Chief Taylor had gotten a request to get rid of the solid yellow line on Main Street.

- Mayor Cort informed Council that there will be an executive session regarding Union Negotiations. Councilmember Gilmour wanted to know what was changing. It was explained that this is a three year contract with a 3% cola in 2018, 2% in 2019 and 2% in 2020. Also a \$150 stipend for Public Works for on call and a longevity clause added.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer