

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
April 24, 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
Chris Taylor – Chief of Police

Points of Discussion

- There were no comments regarding the work study minutes and the regular council meeting minutes.
- Discussion was had regarding allowing miniature pigs in the City of Kittitas. Previously Council had requested that the pigs be counted with dogs and that brought up the issue of licensing.
- Councilmember Camarata stated that there is a reason the City has a variance requirement for dogs. Councilmember Camarata said that there is a difference between livestock and pets, and more than 4 dogs are considered a kennel.
- Councilmember Whitford said that most times a variance that is requested is granted.
- Councilmember Smith wanted to know the definition of livestock; usually livestock is an animal you sell. Councilmember Smith asked Councilmember Camarata what was his reasoning behind not regulating the number of pets a person should have. Councilmember Smith did not want to overthink the Ordinance.
- Mayor Cort read aloud the variance section of the Kittitas Municipal Code.
- Councilmember Smith thought that variances are important. It helps people be better pet owners.
- Councilmember Whitford would like the violations equitable between pot belly pigs and dogs.
- Mayor Cort reminded Council that the petition that was signed was not actually signed by citizens of Kittitas. Mayor Cort also reminded Council that Kittitas is a little more rural than the City of Ellensburg.

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- Councilmember Gilmour stated he would like to see the City of Ellensburg code. It was noted that he has been presented this information in the past.
- Mayor Cort informed Council that the Public Hearing is on a package of Kittitas Municipal code amendments that the Planning Commission has requested to be updated. They include language on freestanding signs in the Gateway Commercial zone, minimum lot size, clear view triangle, manufactured home requirements and language to accommodate RV spaces in Gateway Commercial.
- Mayor Whitford stated that the Planning Commission is doing a good job on all of these changes and wanted to thank them.
- Councilmember Smith was concerned about the change in the Manufactured Home sections. It was explained that this code had already been updated to reflect the change in Energy Star and Good Sense. This update is so that Department of Commerce is aware of this change since it is a zoning code.
- Councilmember Gilmour wondered if 3rd Avenue was ever going to be graded or paved. Mayor Cort stated that the short streets might be in the future.
- Chief Taylor discussed the solid yellow line down Main Street. He thought it might be a good idea to make a break in the solid line at Sure Shot and City Hall so people can legally pull into the businesses.
- Councilmember Whitford asked Chief Taylor if they could set up a time to work on the traffic code (this is her Ordinance to look over) and they could discuss this issue as well.
- Mayor Cort stated that it is very rare to see people actually follow the law when it comes to the solid yellow line.
- Councilmember Whitford said that she is working on ordering American flags, holders and City of Kittitas flags with the new logo/font/color thru Shirts and More. Councilmember Whitford is getting help from some businesses in town to hopefully offset the cost of the flags. They will be placed from Exit 115 into town; hopefully this will help bring traffic to downtown Kittitas.
- Chief Taylor inquired as to how the flags would work with the wind; Councilmember Whitford said that they are made from a mesh fabric that helps wind travel thru them. Possibly the VFW could put the American flags out for 4th of July and Veterans Day.
- Councilmember Gilmour stated the City needs new Christmas decorations.

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- Councilmember Lou said that PSE had donated some money a couple years ago and maybe possibly ask them again.
- Mayor Cort asked Council if they had any new ideas for the 5 year plan. Councilmember Whitford suggested Christmas lights and Councilmember Smith would like to add recycling or lack thereof.
- Councilmembers Whitford and Smith, Mayor Cort and Clerk Debbie Lee were invited to go to the Rotary Lunch tomorrow by Cindy Breck.
- Mayor Cort thanked Councilmembers Whitford, Camarata, Cathy and Dave Doyle for working on the Emergency Preparedness Plan. Mayor Cort will review and update as needed and present to Council at the next meeting. Mayor Cort also received a copy of the floor plan for City Hall.
- Mayor Cort asked if Council had a chance to look at their code sections that were given to them. Some feedback was received from Rich Coleman
- Councilmember Whitford will be working with Chief Taylor regarding the traffic section of the Kittitas Municipal Code.
- Councilmember Whitford inquired as to when the next Town Hall Meeting was. Mayor Cort thought possibly June 23rd.
- Councilmember Smith asked if Mayor Cort had had a chance to talk with Scott regarding moving the planters.

ADJOURN: 6:53 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer