

City of Kittitas
Work/Study Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2019

Work/Study Meeting Attendance

John Camarata – Councilmember
Lou Whitford - Councilmember
Liz Smith – Councilmember
Jerry Gilmour – Councilmember
Rich Coleman- Councilmember
Pat Cort - Mayor
Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer

Points of Discussion

- Discussion was had about making a policy for future people who were interested in being a Councilmember, that they would have to visit each department and spend some time getting acquainted with how the City works.
- Discussion was had about the expense of running the treatment plant on a daily basis.
- The lease of the Verizon antenna on the tower was discussed. The City attorney and Gray & Osborne both advised Council not to move the lease revenue from the general fund to the water/sewer fund. Also MRSC was contacted and the law is whoever owns the property where the tower is located is the recipient of the revenue. The City of Kittitas owns this property.
- Mayor Cort stated that the reason the Cities previous attorney left the City of Kittitas was due to the fact Council/Mayor was not following her advice.
- Councilmember Smith is concerned about the older generation with have a rate increase in the water and sewer utility bills.
- The City needs to be proactive with repairs instead of waiting for them to happen and costing more money. The Benton Lift station is a prime example of this. If the City does not fix these problems today they become worse in the future.

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- Mayor Cort is working with Department Heads and asking for their needs and costs so Council can be more prepared.
- Councilmember Smith would like the verbiage changed in the water/sewer billing to read low income or senior citizen not have to be both low income and senior citizen. Councilmember Smith was asked to check other cities and their codes to see what their language stated.
- Mayor Cort announced that Mike Varnum received his level I Certification. All City staff had Public Records training and Public Works and the WWTP had Personal Protection PPE Training.

ADJOURN: 6:50 p.m.

Attest:

Mayor Pat Cort

Debbie. Lee Clerk/Treasurer