

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata led those assembled in the Flag Salute. Mayor Pro-Tem Camarata called the regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Councilmembers present: Rich Coleman, Holly Beard and Lou Whitford. Staff present: Debbie Lee – Clerk/Treasurer, Aaron Nelson – Police, Ben Chavez – Police and Michelle Geiger – Safe Built.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DATED  
JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve the regular Council Meeting minutes dated June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019; second by Councilmember Coleman.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AND/OR APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS**

- Citizen Julie Carlson thanked Councilmember Beard and the Event Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Event, it was a good time.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**A. Budget Report**

- Mayor Pro Tem Camarata stated that the general fund and the water/sewer fund are in pretty good shape for the 6 month mark in the year. Both funds are operating in the black.

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**B. Treasurer's Report**

- No Comment

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Super Load Ordinance 19-008**

- Gray & Osborne suggested that the rate schedule listed in the original Ordinance presented was sufficient but they thought the City should add the language of specific roads that need to be traveled. The specific language is Main Street from I-90 to Patrick Avenue and Patrick Avenue from West City Limits to East City Limits.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-008; second by Councilmember Whitford.

- Discussion was had about amending the language to state the specific routes.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to amend the language; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 4 yes 0 no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Appoint New Mayor**

- Due to Mayor Cort resigning on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 the Council needs to appoint a new Mayor.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Coleman made a motion to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Camarata to position as Mayor; second by Councilmember Beard.

Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

- Councilmember Whitford swore in John Camarata as Mayor.

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**B. Vacant Council Positions**

- Mayor Camarata stated that there are now two Council positions available and would like to keep the posting open until August 6<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Camarata encourages anyone interested in serving the City of Kittitas to submit a letter of interest.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Coleman made a motion to keep the positions open until August 6<sup>th</sup>; second by Councilmember Whitford.

Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**C. COG Grant Application – Sewer Extension (Gray & Osborne)**

- Gray & Osborne assisted with this application, this COG application will hopefully be added to the original COG Grant that was awarded to the City for \$249,000.00 in 2016 there was not enough funds to complete the project originally so this was put on hold. The total of this COG application is requesting about \$175,000 additional money with a 13.5% match from the City.
- This application is due by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Camarata will present to the COG board which is made up of two members from each city in Kittitas County.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Whitford made a motion to approve the COG grant submission; second by Councilmember Beard.

Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**D. 19-007R Housing Authority to Operate Within the City of Kittitas**

- This is a housekeeping measure. This will allow the Housing Authority to continue to operate within the City limits expanding the territory of the Housing Authority.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Whitford made a motion to approve Resolution 19-007R; second by Councilmember Coleman.

Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**E. USDA RD Bond Anticipation Note Fixed/Variable**

- Council needs to decide if they want to go with a variable rate or a fixed rate for the interim financing for the waterline replacement project with USDA/RD.
- Cashmere Valley Bank was the only bank that responded in a timely manner. Banner Bank submitted information two days after the Council meeting.

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**MOTION:** Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve a fixed rate with Cashmere Valley Bank; second by Councilmember Beard.  
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**PAYMENT APPROVALS**

**A. June Bank EFT's \$11,042.94**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve June Bank EFT's; second by Councilmember Coleman.  
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**B. July 9<sup>th</sup> Payables \$13,014.61**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve July 9th, Payables via EFT; second by Councilmember Coleman.  
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**C. June Payroll/July Mid-Month Draw \$52,430.66**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Coleman made a motion to approve June Payroll/July Mid-Month Draws; second by Councilmember Beard.  
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor Camarata stated that the COG meeting was cancelled.
- The repair to the Police car that was damaged during the shooting has been reported to the insurance company and will cost about \$4,858.62.
- Mayor Camarata stated that Officer Chavez has returned to light duty work and there was a press conference at City Hall Monday morning welcoming him back.
- The Ellensburg Rotary Club had their picture in the Daily Record for fixing the stairs and landscaping at the Community Hall. Mayor Camarata thanked the Rotary for this project.

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- Mayor Camarata stated that some people from the local car club have expressed interest in still having the Kruisin Kittitas and they would be interested in doing the work, possibly the Church having a BBQ.
- Councilmember Beard inquired if they had submitted an Event Application. Not at this time Mayor Camarata stated.
- Councilmember Coleman wondered if it would be the same weekend in August. Yes.
- Councilmember Camarata wanted to thank people for attending the meeting; he went on to say that at times the meetings are boring but a necessity.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

- Councilmember Beard informed Council that the logo on Johnny's is coming along and the remainder of the wall will be completed by September.
- Councilmember Whitford said she would like some help with Trunk or Treat on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. This will be the fourth year and has been a successful event. Councilmember Whitford thought maybe the Church would help, Councilmember Beard stated she would help with this Event.
- Councilmember Beard read aloud Councilmember Smith's resignation letter from her Council seat.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Beard made a motion to adjourn; second by Councilmember Coleman.  
Motion Carried: 3 yes 0 no.

**ADJOURN: 7:20 p.m.**

**Attest:**

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Mayor John Camarata

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Debbie Lee Clerk/Treasurer