

City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2005

Mayor Cousart called the Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., August 9, 2005. Councilmembers present; Allphin, Gilmour, Helland, Huber and Keys.

Staff present was Administrative Assistant LaRee Pott; Utility Worker Bosch, Chief of Police Dunnagan; Officer Buddy Shuart and Librarian Diane Huckabay.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 26, 2005. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no.

Councilmember Gilmour requested that the records reflect that he did not agree with the following items in the July 26, 2005 meeting minutes:

1. City of Kittitas incurring the cost for the survey regarding Mrs. Dudley's property; and
2. Val Bosch's request to cash out vacation incurred.

Additions to Agenda

1. John Cunningham - Correspondence, Complaints and Applications.
2. Councilmember Allphin - Old/New Business.
3. Steve Bare - Requested the removal of two (2) trees blocking the view to the South of the mini storage. Councilmember Allphin moved to approve the removal of the two (2) trees so long as they were transplanted to another location. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.

Report of Officers

1. **Police Chief Dunnagan**
 - a. Chief Dunnagan reported that the Kittitas Police Department was granted the Technology Grant through the Law and Justice Program. Discussion followed.

- b. Chief Dunnagan was asked by Mayor Cousart to report to council on his research regarding Pit Bulls and the Cities Ordinance. Statistical hand outs were provided to Councilmembers. Discussion followed on the need to update the current dog ordinance. Councilmember Allphin moved to approve that Chief Dunnagan work with the Mayor, Clerk's office and City Attorney to rewrite the current ordinance and upon approval of the City Attorney the new ordinance will be presented to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.
- c. Councilmembers discussed with Chief Dunnagan City Attorney's resignation.

2. **City of Kittitas Library Board**

- a. Chairmember Marylou Gilmour announced two vacancies on the Library Board. Discussion followed. No action taken.
- b. Chairmember Gilmour discussed that the current Municipal Code Book does not establish the Library and/or a Library Board. Discussion followed. Mayor Cousart and Councilmember Huber will get together to establish an Ordinance.
- c. Chairmember Gilmour discussed proper procedure of evaluating the Library Manager. Discussion followed. Mayor Cousart will evaluate and Library Board will provide input.
- d. Librarian Diane Huckabay reported that she attended a Library Conference where she participated in 10 workshops. Librarian also reported on the summer reading program by introducing Lilly Parks who presented to council an overview of the summer's activities and statistics on the number of children who attended, volunteers who donated time and citizens who donated various items to help make the reading program a success.

3. **Utility Worker Bosch**

- a. Utility Worker Val Bosch reported that Coles Crossing/Guest Property is requesting to tie into new school sewer system. Discussion followed. No action taken
- b. Curbs on South Main that have been torn up need to be replaced prior to resurfacing of roadway.

- c. Utility Worker Bosch provided Councilmembers with construction specifications from the Town of Tieton. Councilmembers agreed to hold a study session on this matter for Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.
- d. Councilmember Gilmour requested that the Clerk's office check on whether or not the school district has paid for their water meter.

Presentations

1. Jim Kennedy - Presentation on Streetlights. Jim Kennedy not present. Councilmember Allphin reported on the meeting that took place with Mayor Cousart and Jim Kennedy on the number of streetlights needed for a new subdivision. Discussion followed. Councilmembers agreed to include this topic at the study session on Tuesday, August 16, 2005.

Correspondence, Complaints and Applications

1. Ken Beckley's letter to the City of Kittitas. Mayor Cousart reported that this was taken care of in an earlier action. No further action taken.
2. AWC proposal on City Insurance. Discussion followed on whether or not we need to alert Canfield and Associates to reserve our right to the possibility of using other services. Councilmember Keys moved to notify Canfield and Associates and alert them of the possibility of changing insurance companies. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.
3. John Cunningham reported that he is looking to buy lot 12 in Alpine Estates contingent upon approval of Council's permission to place a 24 x 30 shop on it. Discussion followed. Councilmember Allphin moved to approve John Cunningham's 24 x 30 shop installation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.

Old Business

1. Councilmember Allphin reported on the increased junk and its appearance at the scrap yard located on Railroad Avenue. Discussion followed. Councilmembers agreed to have Chief Dunnagan go out and look at the situation and report back to Mayor Cousart, who will send a letter.
2. Fire Chief Rick Hink reported that children are playing and climbing on the old grain elevators that are not sealed. Discussion followed. Mayor Cousart requested that Fire Chief Hink provide him with a list of concerns.

New Business

1. Cascade Irrigation District – Tony addressed concerns over Cole’s Crossing paving Spokane Street. A proposal and resolution was discussed. No action was taken.
2. Mayor Cousart read Gwen Sherrill’s letter to Council and Cascade Irrigation District per request. Discussion followed. Cascade Irrigation representative Tony reported in response to Gwen Sherrill’s letter that “yes, it is the land owners responsibility to get the water from the head gate to their property”.
3. Cascade Irrigation District requested permission to use the Community Hall to hold a public meeting to discuss Wrangler Estate water issues. Councilmember Keys moved to approve to allow Cascade Irrigation District to use the Community Hall at no charge to hold a public meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.
4. Councilmember Allphin discussed a fire hazard at 1103 Rainier Drive. Discussion followed.
5. Councilmember Allphin discussed the dust storm created by the new school project. Discussion followed. Councilmembers agreed to notify Lydig that they need someone to water 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

Approval of Payroll

1. Approval of Bills - Check No. 10458 to 10486 in the amount of \$12,317.01 and Check No. 10457 - voided. Councilmember Huber moved to approve the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keys. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.
2. July Payroll - Check No. 10452 to 10466 in the amount of \$3,419.50 for Contract Employees. Check No. 6251 to 6280 in the amount of \$31,965.74 for Payroll. Check No. 6269 to 6270 - voided. Councilmember Huber questioned payroll. Councilmembers agreed to table the approval of payroll until the study session on Tuesday, August 16, 2005.
3. August Mid-Month Draw - Check No. 6281 to 6283 in the amount of \$2,315.38. Councilmember Huber moved to approve August Mid-Month Draw. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keys. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.

Mayors Report

1. City Attorney’s Resignation reported by Mayor Cousart.

2. City Clerk/Treasurer Resignation reported by Mayor Cousart.
3. Mayor Cousart reported the City has received the Application for Federal Assistance to the USDA - Rural Development and it has been signed and delivered. Mayor Cousart declares that this application for the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been previously approved and is now in effect.

Council Discussion

1. Councilmember Gilmour questioned why the sewer rates had not been changed back to the normal rates. Administrative Assistant LaRee Pott reported that information is still being gathered and until verification can be made in compliance with LMI guidelines then no further action will be taken.
2. Councilmember Gilmour provided Councilmembers with information on new zoning for manufactured homes. Discussion followed. Mayor Cousart suggested that we make some inquiries and look into this matter further.
3. Old Time Fiddlers. Councilmembers agreed to send a thank you to show the Cities appreciation.
4. Jeff Stevens provided Councilmembers with the plan on the WWTP project.

Adjourn

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the August 9, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Allphin and approved by council. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart _____

Clerk/Treasurer Janice Piercy _____

Councilmembers:

Jerry Gilmour _____

Todd Keys _____

Linda Huber _____

Tiny Allphin _____

Tony Helland _____