

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2006**

Mayor Cousart called the Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., June 13, 2006. Councilmembers present; Gay, Huber, Gilmour, and Helland. Councilmember Simpson was absent.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Public Works Lead Bosch.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2006 special meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2006 special meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Police Department**

Officer Shuart reported he is still investigating the vandalism at the new Kittitas High School. He also explained he will work with Clay Myers from the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office on grants for equipment for the Police Department.

**Public Works Lead Bosch**

Public Works Lead Bosch talked about the City Hall roof and explained if we added insulation it would cost us an additional \$4,000 less \$1,000 that Puget Sound Energy is willing to give us. To get a 10 year warranty on the roof it would cost an additional \$437. Council agreed to buy the additional warranty but not the insulation.

He also reported Dust Tech in Cle Elum quoted \$14,400 plus tax to apply a tar like base dust control substance to our streets. In addition we would have to pay about \$3,000 for the use of a roller for one month. Pro Tec would charge an additional \$9,510 to do the rest of the streets like they did Railroad Avenue and Spokane Street. Council agreed that this application has a couple of drawbacks which include a stiffer road and some gets washed to the sides of the streets.

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Cole's Crossing I has been paved but Public Works Lead Bosch explained he isn't happy with the job they did. He told them they would need to come back each year and repair the cracks in the pavement.

Detention ponds were discussed briefly as to whether the City should be responsible for them or the housing developments. Chris with Contour Inc. explained their housing developments would be responsible for their detention ponds unless the City requests otherwise.

Council agreed that installing five new street lights would be a good idea because of the recent acts of vandalism that have occurred. The cost for these new lights would be approximately \$100 per month.

The Operating Engineers School would like to put up a couple of signs to give direction to their school. Council agreed with this.

Public Works Lead Bosch explained the different options we can take on lawn mowing. To hire it done by an outside vendor it would cost about \$410 per week, to repair the existing engine would be around \$4,000, and a new mower could cost anywhere from \$21,000 or higher. Council suggested the City get a couple of more bids on new lawnmowers before a decision is made. It was also suggested to check with golf courses to see if there are any used ones available.

**Gray & Osborne**

Mike with Gray & Osborne reported there would be a public hearing for the planning only water grant at the July 11, 2006, meeting.

**Puget Sound Energy**

Kyle with Puget Sound Energy explained the utilities need to be moved from the land the City is exchanging with the Gibbs and PSE is responsible for the cost of moving the gas and electric. It is possible to move the water lines at the same time and Kyle will check into this. To replace this pipe would cost the City about \$16,000. PSE would like to move the utilities right before the Contractor starts.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Municipal Court** – Mayor Cousart reported the County said “in order to have the County take over the Court there must be a re-districting which must be done in June”, so it will be a year before this can happen. They have not even calculated the cost. Council agreed when it is time for budgeting we need to have a quote on the cost from the County. In addition, we need to advertise for this part-time position that Candi Seed is currently filling as a temporary worker.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 06-016R** – Amending the City contributions toward medical insurance premiums for non-union employees was moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Stop Sign at 1<sup>st</sup> & Pierce** – There has been a request for a stop sign at 1<sup>st</sup> and Pierce streets. Council discussed this along with other options and came to the conclusion to have Officer Shuart patrol the area more and watch what activity is really happening.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

**Approval of Payroll** – Checks 6658 to 6713 and 6715 to 6718 for \$29,830.69 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Voided checks were 6664, 6666, 6673, 6676, 6677, 6681, 6682, 6683, 6685, 6686, 6688, 6692, 6693, 6695, 6698, 6699, 6700, 6701, 6702, 6704 to 6712, and 6714.

**Approval of Bills** – Checks 11009 to 11059 for \$137,582.90 (includes WWTP pay estimate #1) were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. 11039 and 11060 are voids.

**Approval of WWTP Pay Estimate #2** – Councilmember Gay moved to approve the WWTP pay estimate #2 to Western Engineering Constructors for \$71,248.13 and it was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Chris Cruse** – WWTP is partially in the land we are trading the Gibbs and explained he can do a boundary line adjustment for a small fee.

**Hearing Examiner** – Mayor Cousart explained he spoke to Gary Cuillier who is a hearing examiner for various cities. His fee is generally less than \$500 per case.

**Liquor License Renewal for Curly's II** – Councilmember Helland moved to approve Curly's II liquor license renewal and it was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Bob Clerf** – Mayor Cousart spoke with Bob Clerf today. He suggested the City drill a well for additional water as they are unable to get more water from Department of Health.

