

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2006**

Mayor Cousart called the Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., June 27, 2006. Councilmembers present; Gay, Huber, Gilmour, Simpson, and Helland.

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 June 13, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Dave Arnold

Lisa Parks

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Police Department**

Officer Shuart was absent but issued a written reported to City Council explaining the growing level of crime in the City and how he is rotating his hours to try and have some better coverage for this issue.

**Public Works Lead Bosch**

Public Works Lead Bosch handed out a map showing the proposed new sidewalks for Main Street which are part of the Bridge Project. There is one trailer that will need to be moved off of City property when the sidewalks are constructed. Council suggested that Paul with Gray & Osborne attend a City Council Meeting to discuss these plans.

Cruse & Associates will charge between \$600 and \$800 to do the boundary line adjustment needed in the exchange of property with the Gibbs. A portion of the sewer plant is currently within the Gibbs property and needs to be adjusted before the exchange takes place.

Council suggested checking with Home Depot for a quote on a lawnmower. Public Works Lead Bosch will also get another quote from Burrows Tractor for a lawnmower model.

Cole's Crossing I is currently cleaning up around the property. There have been several complaints that there is quite a mess in the area. Chris with Contour Inc., the developer, will monitor the situation himself more carefully. He also explained he would make sure the City has a one year written agreement with Columbia on the sidewalks.

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Public Works Lead Bosch also explained the City Hall roof has been replaced and would like to thank Councilmember Gilmour and his crew in helping get this accomplished.

**Gray & Osborne**

July 11, 2006, will be the date of the public hearing on the CDBG water system planning only grant. Nancy Morter explained from this point it will take CDBG 1-2 months to finish their paperwork and from that point another 6 months or so to finish the water system plan.

Nancy also reported that on July 7, 2006, there will be a phone conference with Department of Health, the City of Kittitas, and Gray & Osborne to discuss additional water hook-ups.

Construction on the sewer treatment plant is going as planned and they hope to be finished shortly after the first of the year.

Councilmember Gilmour asked Nancy to find out how much water is needed to supply one house. She will have Jeff Stevens return Jerry's call.

**Library Board**

Chairperson Marylou Gilmour asked to have a surplus listing of books approved by Council. Councilmember Simpson moved to approve this list and it was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

She also reported the Friends of the Library earned \$267 from a bake sale.

The Summer Reading Program started last Thursday and 9 children have been enrolled. They will meet every Thursday for the next 7 weeks.

Chairperson Gilmour explained the Library is very hot this time of year and they need to work on getting some kind of relief and asked if anyone had any suggestions.

The new library assistant needs to get a key for the library but there are none available. Council suggested the appropriate steps to take are for the library manager to address the Mayor regarding these issues.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Lisa Parks** – Lisa suggested that the City get an impartial inspector to do on site inspections at the new developments coming into the City of Kittitas and to make sure they are following the City's development standards. She also suggested that we include in our standards book these inspection fees are to be paid by the developers. Councilmember Simpson moved to approve this action and it was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance 06-017** – The public hearing was opened to discuss the establishing of a hearing examiner. There were no comments and the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Simpson moved to approve this ordinance and it was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**TAPE 1 SIDE 1 ENDS**

Additionally, Councilmember Gay moved to approve the appeal process to go to City Council rather than Superior Court. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. This motion passed 3 yes and 2 no.

**Ordinance 06-018** - The public hearing was opened to discuss Title 14 development code administration. There were comments from Kevin Guest and Dave Arnold suggesting we have more handouts available for the general public at public hearings and for ordinances being passed. Clay Myers suggested we pass this code since the City is currently without one and later amend it if necessary. The public hearing was then closed and Councilmember Simpson moved to approve Title 14 development code administration (with the condition of the changes being made that appeals would go to City Council from the hearing examiner rather than Superior Court). Councilmember Huber seconded this motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour no.

Lisa Parks explained ordinance 06-018 establishing Title 14 development code explains how all land use issues are processed and the roles of those involved in the process. She also explained to Council that having the appeal go to City Council would be with a closed public hearing which means no more public testimony is allowed. During the appeal, Council would be responsible for reviewing the hearing examiner's decision making sure the code was followed in the decision making process. Also, Council would not be allowed to discuss this matter outside of the Council meetings in order to remain impartial.

**Ordinance 06-019 and Resolution 06-020R** – To be continued next meeting during the public hearing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Crime** – Dave Arnold reported his car has been burglarized 3 times in the last couple of months. He is having trouble getting police records from the City due to the lack of police officers the City currently has. He is suggesting a curfew for minors or a neighborhood watch to help in fighting the crime going on in the City. Clay Myers explained he would be more than happy to meet with the City and/or Mr. Arnold regarding these issues. Mr. Arnold would like to be notified of any meetings that might take place.

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**Jeremy Combs KVCH Bill** – Moved to executive session

**Rescind withdrawal from CIAW/Canfield & Associates** – Councilmember Gay moved to approve to rescind withdrawal from CIAW/Canfield & Associates and it was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Dust Abatement** – Council suggested a public hearing to hear from the public on their opinions of what type of dust abatement the City should use. Lisa Parks also explained this can be included in the comprehensive plan amendment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WWTP INTO UGA** – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the authorization of the Mayor to sign an agreement to move the WWTP into the UGA. Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks 11061 to 11083 for \$97,760.83 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Union Negotiations and Personnel – 9:30 p.m. to 10:12 p.m.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Disposal of American LaFrance Fire Truck**– Councilmember Huber moved to approve the \$1,000 bid on this surplus fire truck and Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Iron Horse Park Contract** – Council agreed to have Mayor Cousart sign the new Iron Horse Park Contract for \$800 a year.

**Jeremy Combs KVCH Bill** - Councilmember Helland moved to deny the payment of Utility Worker Combs hospital bill from September 2005 and Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**City Sign** – Councilmember Gilmour suggested the City sign at the South end of town be fixed.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the June 27, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_