

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2006**

Mayor Cousart called the Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., July 11, 2006. Councilmembers present; Gay, Huber, Gilmour, Simpson, and Helland.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Gayetta Hink
George Williams
Bruce Wilson

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Police Department

Officer Shuart reported that he is putting in an excessive amount of hours and needs some help. He has contacted 3 reserves and is requesting from Council to hire a temporary officer. All 3 of these reserves have been through the reserve academy and the City of Kittitas has uniforms for one of the officers. They also have had background checks through the reserve academy. Councilmember Simpson moved to approve the hiring of a temporary police officer and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Officer Shuart will look into the pay scale for this new temporary officer. The other two reserves can still be used for unpaid reserve time.

Officer Shuart also reported that in approximately 3 weeks he will be going out on medical leave for jaw surgery.

Public Works Lead Bosch

Kittitas High School's new building is getting ready for the City walk thru with Public Works Lead Bosch.

Dennis Cort, the prospective owner of 100 N. Main, explained that after purchasing this building he would be installing some other kind of heat other than wood.

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Councilmember Simpson moved to approve the purchase of a new lawnmower up to \$2,299 plus tax. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

Brady Erickson, Protec

Brady Erickson explained the application his company, Protec, uses for dust abatement. The cost is just under .05 cents per square foot where paving runs anywhere from \$1.49 per square foot to \$1.90 per square foot. He explained the application actually glues the road base together. Less is needed after each application and eventually it is possible to not need any. It also reduces grading and pot holes. If the City ever decides to pave streets it will also contribute to reducing these costs. Councilmember Huber moved to approve the re-application of Railroad Avenue and Spokane Street which are two construction areas in the City right now. Since Councilmember Simpson already paid for Spokane Street the City will reimburse him these costs rather than paying Protec for this street. Per Brady Erickson this will be charged to the City at cost. Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Library Board

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

She also explained on August 9, 2006, the Kittitas County Regional Library Board will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. at Community Hall if anyone is interested in attending.

Fire Chief Rick Hink

Fire Chief Hink explained that they are short on volunteer firefighters during the daytime.

He also reported they had no calls on fireworks this year on the 4th of July.

The old 1962 fire truck was surplused and sold for \$1,000. These funds go back into the general fund.

Council suggested that Fire Chief Hink check into a grant for a new fire siren.

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Gayetta Hink – Gayetta Hink thanked the Council for the approval of re-applying dust abatement to her street at Railroad Avenue.

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George Williams – no comments

Bruce Wilson – no comments

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearing was opened by Mayor Cousart to discuss the adopting of new administrative and land use fees. Several citizens made comments and/or had questions to our planner, Lisa Parks. She explained the fee structure and various ways they can be adopted. It was recommended that the City adopt flat fees and not actual costs because of the bookkeeping required to track these fees. The public hearing was closed.

Ordinance 06-019 and Resolution 06-020R – To be continued at a study session for Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. A second public hearing is not required on this date.

The second public hearing was opened and Jeff Stevens with Gray & Osborne read and explained the planning only grant. A Spanish interpreter was present for Spanish speaking citizens. Also available were CDBG Public Hearing handouts in both English and Spanish. A copy of the application was also available. The City will receive a grant from CDBG for \$24,000 but the entire cost of the water plan amendment will be about \$32,000. The City will be required to pay the additional amount not to exceed \$8,000. The reason the City was not approved for the entire amount is CDBG felt the City is at an important stage of updating their water comp plan but not at a critical stage (for example contaminated water etc.). Jeff Stevens also reported that Department of Health has flagged the City of Kittitas from “green” to “yellow” is because we haven’t completed our water comp plan. Public comment was heard from the citizens and then the public hearing was closed.

Jeff Stevens will draft a letter to Department of Health requesting additional hook ups in the couple of weeks.

Councilmember Simpson moved to approve the Mayor to sign the application for the water planning only grant and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

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NEW BUSINESS

Lisa Parks explained on the annexations to be discussed Council needs to make 3 decisions.

1. Accept or reject the requested annexation
2. Modify the geographical request if necessary
3. Discuss and decide if:
 - A. A zoning regulation will be adopted
 - B. Require payment of either all or a portion of the cities current indebtedness in regards to the annexation

She also explained once Council decides to accept or reject the annexation the next step will be to submit it to the Boundary Review Board. Once they accept it then it comes back to Council for approval. At this step if Council approves the annexation they are liable to the developer to supply their annexed property with water and sewer utilities.

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Morefield/Flood Annexation – Councilmember Gilmour moved to accept this annexation request at R1 zoning and to cover all of the cities indebtedness. Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Guest/Cole's Crossing II Annexation – Councilmember Huber moved to accept this annexation request at R1 zoning and to cover all of the cities indebtedness. Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Ron guest explained again they would extend the line from Spokane Street to Alpine to improve the low water pressure currently at Alpine. The Guests will also donate to the City a piece of property for a 2nd water tower.

TAPE 2 SIDE 1 ENDS

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Approval of Bills – Checks 11084 to 11120 for \$27,990.78 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Voided checks were 11088, 11101, 11108, and 11115.

Approval of Payroll & Draws – Checks 6719 to 6755 for \$28,656.79 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Voided checks were 6736 and 6747 thru 6750.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

