

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 25, 2006**

Mayor Cousart called the Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., July 25, 2006. Councilmembers present; Gay, Huber, Gilmour, Simpson, and Helland.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the special session minutes of July 18, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Police Department**

Officer Shuart reported the City has hired a new reserve officer, Andy Bayne. They have been training together for the last couple of weeks or so. He also has two other reserve officers to help the Police Department, Randy Costello and Jon Bean. Officer Bayne's background includes working for the Sheriff's Office for three years, as a reserve for Morgan Middle School, and the Kittitas County Jail. He emphasizes his work with kids because of his experience at Morgan Middle School.

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Rick Hink will be off duty for the next few weeks or so. He is in the hospital with a stomach virus. Assistant Fire Chief Richard Hink Jr. reported Kittitas County Fire District #2 would be on call for the City of Kittitas from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and volunteers would cover 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**Public Works Lead Bosch**

Public Works Lead Bosch reported that Gray & Osborne will go out to bid in the next month or so for the Caribou Creek Bridge Project.

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He also reported that the Benton Street lift station has had several problems and needs to be repaired.

Last week the City purchased a John Deere lawnmower. This will work for now but because the City needs a larger mower it will be discussed in more detail at budget time.

**Bruce Wilson**

Bruce Wilson requested the City Council to amend the City code on the age of manufactured homes in parks from 10 years or newer to 1977 models or newer like Ellensburg and Cle Elum. Councilmember Simpson explained he was on the Council when they adopted this ordinance and the reasoning was the City didn't have the resources to manage it any other way. Council agreed the ordinance should not be changed.

**Crime**

Several citizens spoke on the recent vandalism in the City of Kittitas. They questioned why the City had the Parental Responsibility Law repealed last year. Council explained the City attorney will be contacted regarding this question. The citizens of Kittitas displayed a petition requesting City Council to: have the police department focus more on follow thru with crimes reported, spend more time on solving crimes reported than traffic control, and putting either a curfew or something similar in place to help cease this wave of vandalism. Officer Shuart did explain he and Reserve Officer Bayne are working more nights and doing more foot traffic than before. Councilmember Gilmour motioned to form a curfew within the City of Kittitas and it was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion failed 2 yes and 3 no with Councilmembers Helland and Gilmour voting yes and Councilmembers Huber, Gay, and Simpson voting no.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 06-019 Repealing Fees** – Councilmember Simpson moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes with Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**Resolution 06-020R Establishing New Fees** – Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance with Councilmember Helland seconding the motion. The motion passed 4 yes with Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

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**Court Clerk** – Councilmember Helland moved to approve hiring Candi Seed as the permanent part-time court clerk and it was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks 11121 to 11146 for \$218,880.41 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Union Contract and Public Works Employee – 8:10 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Union Contract** – Councilmember Huber moved to approve Mayor Cousart to sign the union contract and it was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Public Works Employee** – Councilmember Gay moved to approve hiring Mark Hill as a seasonal public works employee and it was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Also, Councilmember Helland moved to approve the advertising of a full-time permanent public works/WWTP trainee union employee and it was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes with Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**Roadside Attractions** – Mayor Cousart requested any ideas Council might have on local roadside attractions that will be put in a guide book.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Hearing Examiner** – Council suggested that Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb look further into contacting hearing examiners. Andy Kottcamp responded to the ad for hearing examiner but a couple of more also should be contacted.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Simpson moved to adjourn the July 25, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_