

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 8, 2006**

Mayor Cousart called the Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., August 8, 2006. Councilmembers present; Gay, Gilmour, Simpson, and Helland. Councilmember Huber was absent.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Simpson. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the special session minutes of August 1, 2006, noting the date on the typed minutes needs to be changed to August 1, 2006. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Tiny Allphin – Jerry Lael’s Trailer Court  
Brenda McPherson – Car Show  
Jerry Gilmour -- Curfew

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Police Department**

Officer Costello was present in place of Officer Shuart and Officer Bayne. He will working as a reserve a few hours a month for the City of Kittitas. He is employed by the Kittitas County Corrections Division and has worked on block watch programs as well as crime prevention.

**Public Works Lead Bosch**

Public Works Lead Bosch reported the grant he applied for on behalf of the City was approved in the amount of \$1,952 for safety equipment to be purchased.

He also reported he attended a road conference which discussed the possibility of a toll bridge being placed on Interstate 90.

When Rick Hink sold the fire truck the city ladder was wrongly put on board. Council suggested that Public Works Lead Bosch contact Rick Hink to get the ladder back.

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Senator Maria Cantwell was in Kittitas and Public Works Lead Bosch and Mayor Cousart took her on a tour of the dirt streets. She will be looking for possible funding solutions to pave our dirt streets.

**Gray & Osborne**

Jeff Stevens wasn't able to be at this meeting but did type up a memo explaining how the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Caribou Creek Bridge, and Water System Plan Update Projects are coming along. In the next week or so we should be going out for bid for the sidewalks and paving portion of the Caribou Creek Bridge Project. Hopefully the paving portion will start in October.

**Library**

Chairperson Marylou Gilmour handed out a recap of the summer reading program with the expenses of the program totaling \$299.99.

Councilmember Helland moved to approve her surplus listing of 642 books and Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

She also explained the Regional Library Board Meeting set for August 9, 2006, has been moved from Kittitas to Ellensburg.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Brenda McPherson – Car Show** – Brenda explained the car show would be held August 12, 2006, in Kittitas. Kittitas Valley Cruisers help with this event each year. Rainier Graphics is donating a sign to be permanently placed possibly on the south side of town where other signs are located. Brenda also explained any money left over from the event they would like to paint the fire hall. They currently have \$498 that was rolled over from last year. Also, they are still looking for judges if anyone is interested.

**Tiny Allphin – Jerry Lael's Trailer Court** – Tiny passed around some pictures of the garbage that is in various areas of Jerry Lael's Trailer Court. He called the County Health Inspector who explained they will look into it and contact the Mayor even though it isn't their jurisdiction. Tiny would like to see Officer Shuart issue a fine to Jerry Lael for this garbage issue. Councilmember Helland moved to approve the Mayor Cousart to write a letter to Jerry Lael with copies of the photos and ordinance attached explaining this garbage needs to be cleaned up immediately. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Councilmember Helland also moved to approve Mayor Cousart to write a letter to the Kittitas County Commissioners asking why the City of Kittitas residents are not entitled to the services of the County Health Inspector like other County residents are. Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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**Jerry Gilmour – Curfew** – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve having the attorney draft a curfew for the City of Kittitas. Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The roll call was as follows: Councilmember Gilmour yes, Councilmember Helland no, Councilmember Gay no, Councilmember Simpson yes, and Mayor Cousart was needed to break the tie and voted no. The motion failed 3 no and 2 yes.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Court Clerk** – As a result of the state implementing additional fines as of January 1, 2006, for criminal cases, the City should notice an increase in revenue from the Court.

**NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks 11147 to 11174 for \$13,460.23 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Simpson. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Approval of Payroll and Draws** – Checks 6756 to 6785 for \$27,021.22 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NONE

**MAYORS REPORT**

**State Audit** – Mayor Cousart reported the state audit for the year 2005 should be in September. The State Auditor’s Office is extremely busy and is hoping they will be here at that time.

**Budget Process** – Council’s role in the budget process is to discuss and decide what projects big and small they would like to see accomplished for the upcoming year. Once they get a list then this list becomes a part of the budget process and depending on what revenues are available will depend on what projects are completed. Council Members need to have their individual lists ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September at which time they will be discussed along with the revenues and expenditures turned into Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb by department heads.

**City Hall Grant** -- Mayor Cousart commented that the grant for City Hall will be re-applied for at the end of the year.

