

City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Special Session Minutes  
October 3, 2006

The Special Session Meeting of the Kittitas City Council began at 7:00 p.m., October 3, 2006, at Community Hall. Mayor Cousart along with Councilmembers Helland, Gay, and Gilmour were present. Councilmembers Huber and Simpson were absent.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**CAL JORDAN ASSOCIATES**

Cal Jordan explained what options are available to the City of Kittitas for grants for various projects. A couple of items he discussed were:

1. Block Grants (CDBG) do not fund general government except for fire stations.
2. There are two different kinds of grants available. There is the general program grant which is due on November 16, 2006, and there is the community investment fund grant which mirrors the WA-CERT and funds capital projects. There are no deadlines on this type of grant but the City must work with the County.
3. The City can have one planning grant and one general project grant per year.
4. The planning grant would be used if studies were needed to be done prior to starting a project. The City could receive up to \$35,000 from CDBG for the planning only grant and can use staff participation as part of the match.
5. To write the grant Cal Jordan charges the City 50% of the cost which would be \$2,000. If the grant isn't received he will re-apply at no charge to the City.

Council discussed three projects currently being reviewed by the City. They are community hall, paving the streets, and the police/fire building. Probably the most difficult to get accomplished with CDBG would be the street paving. It would need to be included with sidewalks and water line construction in order to qualify.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve Cal Jordan to write the CDBG grant and advertise for a public hearing on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

**HIRING OF POLICE OFFICER**

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the advertising for a 3<sup>rd</sup> full-time police officer and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion failed without a majority with a vote of 2 yes and 1 no.

Councilmember Helland moved to adjourn the October 3, 2006, meeting. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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

Clerk/Treasurer, Robin Newcomb \_\_\_\_\_