

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., January 9, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gay, Gilmour, Huber, and Helland. Councilmember Simpson was absent.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Public Works Lead Bosch, WWTP Operator Howard, and Police Chief Mike Studer.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the minutes of the December 28, 2006, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Helland moved to excuse Councilmember Simpson and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Mayor Pro Tem** – Councilmember Gay moved to approve Councilmember Helland as Mayor Pro Tem and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0. Councilmember Helland was sworn in as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2007 by Mayor Cousart.

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Gray & Osborne**

Jeff Stevens explained they have most of the data they need to complete the water system update plan.

They are still working on permits on the Bridge Project and hoping to go out to bid next month.

The contractor on the WWTP has made a claim for about \$36,000 but Gray & Osborne disagrees with them since they waited several months before making the claim.

Nancy Morter explained there is an asphalt problem at the WWTP site. The contractor will remove this for \$285 an hour and would take approximately 8 hours. Council suggested checking into having someone else do the work.

City of Moser would like to use our surplus UV system temporarily. Mayor Cousart and Council think this is a good idea to give it to this City. Clerk Newcomb needs to check and see if this needs to be surplused first before giving it to the City of Moser. Councilmember Huber moved to give the UV system and Councilmember Helland seconded it. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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Councilmember Gay moved to approve the WWTP pay estimate #9 for \$38,872.98 and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Library Board**

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the surplus list handed out by Library Manager Maxine Steele and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Marylou Gilmour will be meeting with Edward D. Jones on the money market account that was given by Mrs. Cissel.

**Police**

Chief Studer reported the Police Department received 3 cameras from the Law and Justice Grant.

The police department keeps identifying more and more individuals involved in a gang that has some activity in Kittitas and will continue to investigate them. This gang goes around and beats up kids. The police department has some vehicles identified and will be watching them. There is an intelligence meeting this month to discuss this gang.

They are learning more and more on the Spillman software as they work with it.

**Public Works Lead Bosch**

Public Works Lead Bosch got an estimate on hauling debris from the WWTP by Louie Gibson at \$34 per ton. Chipping would be more costly.

He also explained there is a water line going under the trailer at 306 Dan Lane and there is no easement.

Some trees need to be pulled by the creek flooded last year. Central Nursery quoted about \$9,000 to do this. Council agreed to send a letter to property owners to split this cost.

**ASPI**

Mayor Cousart explained there is a handout on the company, ASPI, explaining the business they would like to open in town south of Curly's Tavern.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 07-001 – Gritzan/Petition to Vacate** – The public hearing was opened for comments. After some discussion the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay

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moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Council Rules of Procedure** – Council agreed to eliminate 7.1 Addressing the Council and the last two lines of 9.2 Letters of Interest. Councilmember Huber moved to approve these changes and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks #11458 to 11495 for \$356,558.40 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Checks 11461 and 11465 were voided.

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**Approval of December Payroll and January Draws** – Checks #6923 to #6955 and #991071 to #991074 for \$43,696.96 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. Checks 6942 to 6944 were voided.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Library Contract** – The library contract for 2007 is \$6,000.00.

**Sidewalk in front of City Hall** – The sidewalk is heaving and cracking in front of City Hall.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Fire Department Roof Leak** – The roof is leaking at the Fire Department.

**Recess from public meeting at 8:10 p.m. to adopt a strategy for collective bargaining for 10 minutes. Mayor Cousart requested an additional 5 minutes.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 8:25 p.m.**

**Risk Management Report**

**Ended 8:27 p.m.**

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**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Helland moved to adjourn the January 9, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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

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