

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., February 13, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, and Helland.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed with 2 yes and 0 no. Councilmember Gay abstained.

Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2007, special meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed with 2 yes and 0 no. Councilmember Gay abstained. .

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

WWTP Howard – Lift Station

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:03 p.m. to 7:25 p.m.**

**To consider litigation specifically threatened.**

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Dave Gardner/ASPI** – Mr. Gardner with ASPI introduced himself to Council and explained ASPI purchased the property on the corner South of Curly's Tavern and plans to move their survey/planning business here in the future. They probably will start digging in spring and are working with DOE on the underground tanks.

**Gray & Osborne** – Jeff Stevens reported the water system plan is coming along. He has received the remaining information from our planner, Lisa Parks, and the City.

**WWTP Operator Howard** – The lift station rebuilt pump had a repair bill of over \$3,000 to Picatti Bros. and WWTP Operator Howard believes MD Jackson should have to pay it. He believes the pump doesn't have enough power to do what it needs to do which constantly creates issues and problems.

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The school lift station has also had some issues. The City is responsible for maintaining this lift station even though it is still under warranty, according to WWTP Operator Howard.

**Library** – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour handed out a surplus list of books to be approved by Council. Councilmember Helland moved to approve the surplus book list and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

The Library Board had a kid's book and cocoa party today and had 80 children turn out for the event.

**Police** – Chief Studer has a temporary officer he would like to hire who has been to the academy. The cost would be about \$14,000 for six months. A budget amendment would be required since this hasn't been budgeted for 2007. The state will reimburse us up to \$10,000 but not until 2008.

Both Officer Beaton and Officer Shuart have been at training this month.

Chief Studer would like to hire another officer with the possible COG money available. The voters would have to approve the sales tax hike of 3/10's of 1% and the election would be held this fall.

There are dog issues continually for the Police Department. Chief Studer would like to increase the fine or make it a criminal offense.

The police wages are probably going to go over budget in 2007 because of the 2007 union wages the officers have received and the amount of overtime and on call the officers have been working.

**Public Works Lead Bosch**

Absent

**Treasurer's Report** – See Handout

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 07-004 – Allow Council to Adopt Rules of Procedure** – The public hearing was opened. The public hearing was closed and Councilmember Helland moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Gay seconded it. The motion was passed 3 yes and 0 no.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 07-002R – Duke Petition to Vacate** – Councilmember Helland moved to approve this resolution and Councilmember Gay seconded it. The motion was passed 3 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks #11517 to 11565 and #77110 for \$80,098.50 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The vote was 2 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no. #11547 was voided. The motion was lost.

**Approval of January Payroll/February Draws** – Checks #7000 to #7016, #881071 to #881084, and #992061 to #992065 for \$41,424.09 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no. Checks #6956 to 6999, 7006, 7009, and 7010 were voided.

**Approval of Pay Estimate #10 WWTP for \$156,611.75** was moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Road Striping** – Public Works Lead Bosch doesn't think any road striping needs to be done this year.

**Bills in Legislature** – There are several bills in the legislature. Just to explain a few one would allow cities under 5,000 population to avoid the burn ban. Another bill would require all of our ordinances to be posted on our website. A third bill would not let cities require an age of mobile homes in parks.

**Post Office** – The Mayor would like to write a letter favoring a new post office building.

**Fire Chief** – Our Fire Chief is resigning March 31, 2007. The Mayor is checking on the process we need to go through to hire a new Fire Chief.

**Volunteer** – Bridget Bly is offering to volunteer her time to the City. We might be able to use her for the City flowers as Ruth Townley might not be doing it anymore.

**Cal Jordan** – By the end of March we should have an answer on the Fire Hall Grant. If this grant fails Cal Jordan will turn the grant into another agency. Mayor Cousart asked him if he would talk with Steve Troendle at USDA to see where we are at on the City Hall Grant.

