

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., April 10, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, Simpson, and Helland. Councilmember Huber was absent.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA -- None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – Gray & Osborne had a walk thru with the contractors on the Caribou Creek Bridge Project. The bid opening will be April 17, 2007.

Jeff Stevens reported they will be here on Friday for the water system plan to check out the fire hydrants in town for pressure.

John Wilson reported on the WWTP Project. The new plant is in operation. After being up and running one week it passed its testing. The contractor is working on the punch list and plans to be done by the first week in May.

Councilmember Simpson asked Mr. Wilson how many employees it takes to run the WWTP considering its size. He explained 1.5 to 2 employees unless more duties are expected of them like running the water system and lift pumps.

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour explained the Friends of the Library will be having a bake food sale at Super One on May 5th.

On May 31st the library board will have a board position become vacant. Chairperson Gilmour would like to advertise this position.

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

Executive Session – Approximately 1 ½ hours

Potential Litigation – Start 7:12 p.m. and End 7:40 p.m.

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Review the performance of public employees – Start 7:41 p.m. and End 8:28 p.m.

Police – N/A

Public Works Lead Bosch

Public Works Lead Bosch explained they found about 4 blocks of water main leaks that need to be repaired. The cost would be approximately \$16,851 in repairs.

Cole's Crossing put in a detention pond. Public Works Lead Bosch talked to Chris Tobin with Contour Inc. to bring in some rock for this pond. It would cost the City about \$500-\$600 for this rock. Council agreed with this.

Public Works Lead Bosch would like to finish doing the street sweeping.

The next planning meeting will be April 17th.

WWTP – WWTP Operator Howard has a budget item for a cargo container for \$2,500. Because the cost has gone up to \$3,000 he would like Council's approval on spending this additional \$500. Council would like WWTP Operator Howard to come to the next Council meeting to discuss this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 07-005 – 2007 Budget Amendments – The public hearing was opened for ordinance 07-005 for 2007 budget amendments. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Simpson moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Helland seconded it. The motion was passed 4 yes and 0 no.

National Day of Prayer Proclamation – Mayor Cousart read the National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #11663 to 11707 for \$58,711.15 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no. Councilmember Gilmour would like it noted that he does not believe the lawnmower purchase was in the budget. Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb explained to him that it is in the budget under Cumulative Reserve Fund #123 in Equipment Purchase.

Approval of March Payroll and April Draws – Checks #7031-7045, #883071-883085, and

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#994071 – 994076 for \$44,170.91 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Simpson . The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

WWTP Pay Estimate #12 – Western Engineering pay estimate #12 for \$72,558.60 was moved to be approved by Councilmember Helland and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Ruth Townley recognition – Mayor Cousart received a letter from Bridget Bly asking the City Council to recognize and honor Ruth Townley for her community work. Some suggestions were to recognize her on the reader board for a week, have a plaque made up, or give her a “key” to the City.

Burn Ban Lift – The burn ban has not yet been lifted by the legislature. It is possible that legislature could get this back to the floor to lift the burn ban.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

City Yard Waste – Council would like to come up with a solution for the City of Kittitas resident’s yard waste. Council suggested setting up a collection box for donations to dump waste. Public Works Lead Bosch will work on this and hopefully open the dump for next Saturday and forward.

Kittitas High School – Councilmember Gilmour suggested sending Jerry Harding, school superintendent, a thank you letter for letting retired Fire Chief Rick Hink take fire calls during working hours over the past years.

Councilmember Simpson – Councilmember Simpson explained he will be back from military leave in September and possibly sell his house in the City this summer.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Simpson moved to adjourn the April 10, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart _____
Clerk/Treasurer _____