

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., April 24, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, Huber, and Helland. Councilmember Simpson 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.

**Public Hearing/Ordinance 07-003** – The transfer of water rights as a requirement of development approval – The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. There was no discussion from the public. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Helland moved to approve ordinance 07-003 and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Huber abstained.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Gary Brown – National Arbor Day Foundation  
Councilmember Gilmour – Community Hall Roof

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**Gray & Osborne** – Jeff Stevens and Public Works Lead Bosch pulled and tested some fire hydrants last week for the Water Planning Only Grant.

Gray & Osborne will be presenting the change order to the WWTP contractor, Western Engineering, by the end of the week. The plant upgrade is going well so far.

MRM was the low bidder on the Caribou Creek Bridge Project. We are about \$400,000 over on Schedule B for the fish screen which is required by the Department of Fish & Wildlife. Gray & Osborne is discussing this with them to see what steps can be taken to reduce this cost.

Pat Connelly will inspect the electrical portion of the Wrangler Estates Lift Station according to the Mayor and Jeff Stevens

**Police** – Chief Studer is working on the reserves getting tested.

The Court revenue has increased quite a bit from last year and hopefully this will help with the police budget.

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**Public Works Lead Bosch** – WWTP Operator Howard is absent due to lift station problems. Public Works Lead Bosch explained that Council was handed out a list of what would be used in the possible storage container that WWTP Operator Howard has in his budget. Council suggests looking at other alternatives before making this purchase.

The Williams Gas Line Company is volunteering to re-stain the gazebo for the City.

The Planning Commission has made their final changes on the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code. The next step will be for Lisa Parks to have a workshop with Council.

Mayor Cousart explained there will be grants available for waste dumping – possibly to purchase a chipper etc. The burn ban will not be lifted within the City and the Urban Growth Area.

**WWTP** – Absent due to lift station problems.

**Treasurer's Report** – See Handout

**Delinquent Report** – See Handout

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Councilmember Gilmour – He would like to know when the roof can be repaired on the Community Hall. He suggested the Mayor contact a roofer for a bid.

He would also like the City to check to see if Cole's Crossing I has had its bond returned to them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 07-006 – 2007 water/sewer rate revision** – The public hearing was opened. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this ordinance with removing “multi user” under “f” on page 2 and “rate indexing” under 13.04.030 on page 3. Councilmember Gay seconded it. The motion was passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Appoint new Check Signer** – Councilmember Huber moved to approve Councilmember Gay as the new check signer in place of Councilmember Gilmour and Councilmember Helland seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Dog Variance/Becky Davis** – Councilmember Helland moved to approve this third dog and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. Chief Studer explained that most of the problem with dogs comes from renters and not owners. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**Gary Brown** – He explained that the National Arbor Day Foundation is willing to give away 10 trees if someone joins their foundation for 6 months.

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He also explained he lives at the end of Rainier Drive and the street is caving in because of the storm drain. He suggests the City redesign the storm drain when it is repaired.

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks #11708 to 11730 and #770329 to 770330 for \$142,162.63 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Change Personnel Policy** – The Mayor suggested that the City Personnel Policy section “defined leaves” copy the same wording as in the Union Contract. Council agreed to this.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Community Hall Roof** – Council discussed the ventilation of the Community Hall roof and what type of system should be installed.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the April 24, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_