

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., June 12, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, Sorenson, and Huber. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the special meeting minutes of the June 4, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Brenda McPherson/Kittitas Hardware – Car Show
Councilmember Gay – Unfinished Business
Councilmember Gilmour – New Business
George Boetcher/Fenelle Miller – Historic Preservation of IOOF Building

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – The Caribou Creek Bridge Bid is still on hold at the request of the city attorney, Katherine Kenison, because of the change order which includes as much of the fish passage as the \$300,000 will allow.

The WWTP is down to punch list items. The plant is working well. We are still waiting to hear from the contractor, Western Engineers, on the change order agreement.

Jeff Stevens is still working on the water system plan and been working with Public Works Val Bosch and WWTP Operator Howard on keeping the reservoir fuller this summer. Hopefully soon we will have a workshop to discuss some of these items.

The hydro seed for the WWTP, which would require very little water, which was in the original plans, could be replaced with an irrigated system for about \$2,900.

Susan Grindle – HopeSource thank you – Susan Grindle thanked the City for the senior rent assist agreement the City signed. This will help any senior over the age of 65 to not go without housing.

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Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour suggested that Council make a decision on whether or not they agree to use some of the reserve funds for shelving. Councilmember Huber moved to approve a portion of library carry forward funds to be used for shelving and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

The summer reading program County Interlocal Agreement has been mailed according to the County. Marylou requested that \$400 of her books and supplies expense be separated in a separate line item on the library budget. This is at the request of the County so they can see the City has also donated to the summer reading program.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the surplus book list and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Kittitas County Library Regional Board meets in Kittitas in August.

Police – Last Monday the Police Department took out a marijuana growing operation. No one was arrested due to some health issues the defendant has. The case now sits with the prosecuting attorney.

A 12 year old was picked up for vandalism. Several areas around town have been hit with this graffiti.

For summer there are four full time police officers and three reserves of which one is not paid.

There are a couple of training seminars that some of the police officers will be attending.

Chief Studer started a law and justice grant for some equipment including a taser. He also was able to purchase two vests for \$800.

There were 53 people in criminal court last week which is an excessive number for criminal court.

Todd Lopeman said Loomis Fargo is moving out and he would lease to the City for \$15,000 to \$18,000 per year.

Public Works Lead Bosch – There is a planning Commission meeting on June 19th regarding the zoning code portion of the comprehensive plan.

Louie Gibson would like the City to sign a contract with him for \$34 a ton to remove the yard debris at the WWTP. Our donations have collected ½ to 2/3 of the cost it would be to remove it. Councilmember Huber moved to approve signing the contract with Louie Gibson for \$34 a ton and to remove the amount of debris that we have collected for and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

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Canfield & Associates has a scholarship committee that helps get some schooling paid for up to \$750 per year for public works.

Jan with the County will meet with Public Works Lead Bosch regarding Road 81 sidewalks. An engineer might be needed according to Jan.

He also will be attending an STP meeting with the County this week and will be following up with TIB regarding the Operating Engineers providing labor and TIB paying materials for the dirt streets.

The Mayor explained they will be advertising for the 2nd public works position that is in the budget.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kittitas IOOF Building – George Boetcher is requesting City Council to pass a resolution or ordinance for historic preservation for this building. This would give the building inspector some flexibility at the time of remodeling and special taxation on the building for 10 years. The fire and safety codes would have to follow state code.

Finelle Miller, a historic preservationist, explained the positive points of remodeling historic buildings.

Dean Dube, who has helped out in the remodel of this building, has a lot of the history to historic buildings throughout Kittitas County. He explained the importance of these buildings and gave some of the history on them.

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George Boetcher explained the end purpose would be retail space for downstairs or possibly office spaces. Upstairs would stay the way it is and be used for receptions and classes. The painting, windows, and framing will be done this summer. It is in his best interest to complete the project as soon as possible because of the tax savings.

Approve Union Contract – Councilmember Huber moved to approve the Union Contract that was not officially approved in December and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Office Hours Discussion – **Mayor** Cousart explained he would like to keep the hours changed to 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for City Hall and Council majority agreed.

Fire Department – The Fire Department now has 8 volunteer firefighters. Councilmember Huber suggested the Mayor write a letter to the City of Ellensburg regarding emergency services and response time.

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NEW BUSINESS

Brenda McPherson/Kittitas Hardware Kruisin' Kittitas Car Show – Brenda explained the 6th annual car show will be held August 11, 2007, with the hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Revised Ordinance 07-008 Water Rights – The public hearing was opened for ordinance 07-008. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

New Construction of Housing – Councilmember Gilmour suggests the City adopt the changes to the Wabo code (Washington Association of Building Officials).

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #11805 to 11852 for \$107,971.72 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of May Payroll and June Draws – Checks #7060 to 7074, #885071 to 885087, and #996071 to 996075 for \$42,208.54 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

State Audit – We are having a state audit and the entrance interview will be June 13, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. This audit is a financial statement audit due to the spending in excess of \$500,000 of federal grant monies in 2006.

Meeting with Gibbs/MDJ – There will be a meeting tentatively on June 27, 2007, between the Gibb's, MDJ, and their attorney, Mr. Denison. They would like Lisa Parks, our planner, and Katherine Kenison, our attorney, to attend.

July 10th Public Hearing – There will be a public hearing July 10th for the comprehensive plan.

WWTP Hydro seed – Councilmember Huber moved to approve the hydro seed that was originally planned for the WWTP grass and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Construction Bonds – Councilmember Gay suggested we have our bonding procedure reviewed by the city attorney.

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Letter to Kittitas School – Councilmember Gilmour suggested the Mayor send a letter to the school thanking them for the time prior Chief Hink put in for the City on school time.

Fire Works – Chief Studer explained fireworks are legal within the city limits of the City of Kittitas.

Court – Chief Studer suggested we check into having court more than once a month for criminal court. Councilmember Huber suggested the Mayor checking with Judge Chmelewski and Katherine Kenison on how this would impact the fees they charge.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the June 12, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____