

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

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 5:50 p.m., July 10, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay and Sorenson. Councilmembers Simpson and Huber were absent.

Staff present was Court Clerk Maria Cook, Public Works Lead Bosch, and Police Chief Mike Studer.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP- JEFF STEVENS REGARDING WATER COMP PLAN

Plan on track to be submitted at the end of August. Jeff Stevens gave a Power Point presentation of the water comp plan as of date and walked through the first five chapters taking questions along the way. Stevens offered his suggested top three projects the city should plan on fiscally prioritizing and asked council for direction/approval to include in the final draft of the plan. Jeff informed those in attendance of remaining steps and timeline with expected approval date being Jan 2008. No further action taken by council. Jeff Stevens to return to another council meeting in August with discussion to continue then.

Mayor Cousart recessed meeting for ten minutes.

Meeting called back to order 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

The public hearing on the comprehensive plan amendment was opened for public discussion. Speakers from the general public included Kevin Guest and Jack Morfield. Councilmember Gay and Councilmember Gilmour participated in the discussion. Public Hearing was not closed and will be continued at next scheduled City Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 26, 2007 meeting and the motion seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Gilmour update on historical preservation

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne –Jeff Stevens reported on the Caribou Creek Bridge Contract Award. Funding short for plan A and plan B but funds have been made available for the completion of plan C. Stevens strongly recommended that a Councilmember or the Mayor attend the remaining meetings with fisheries.

Library Board – Mary Lou Gilmour circulated library surplus list. Councilmember Gay made motion to approve surplus list and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 yes, 0 no. Mary Lou Gilmour provided council with a draft of Public Library Inter Local Agreement Contract for approval. Councilmember Gay motioned for the approval of the contract providing the City Attorney approves and signs upon review. Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3 yes, 0 no.

Police Department –Chief Mike Studer reported that today marked the department's 1200-service call for the year. Kittcom reported to be considering increasing costs to the City of Kittitas to an expected \$62,000/ year beginning January 2008 up from current cost of \$24,000/ year. Councilmember Gilmour recommended having a representative from the City of Kittitas placed on or at least represented at the Kittcom Board of Director meetings this date forward.

Public Works Lead Bosch –Val Bosch publicly thanked Councilmember Gilmour for his time and materials in repairing gazebo railing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jerry Gilmour –followed up on tour of the IOOF Building last month with visiting historian from Olympia.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 07-010 – 2006 Budget Amendments #2 – The public hearing was opened. After some discussions the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes, 0 no.

Gibb/MDJ Annexation – Lisa Parks explained the annexation to be discussed.

Councilmember Gilmour moved and Councilmember Gay seconded that the proposed annexation be accepted as presented, and that if annexation were to occur, the simultaneous adoption of city zoning would occur, based on the comprehensive plan, and that the area will take on a portion of the city's existing indebtedness. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Lisa also discussed the next steps to be taken on the 60% direct petition annexation method.

Iron Horse State Park Contract Award – Mayor Cousart explained to council that there are no changes in the contract to be presented. Councilmember Gilmour moved to accept contract renewal. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. Motion to extend contract as currently stated passed 3 yes votes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of June Payroll and July Draw – Checks #7076 to #7087, #886071 to #886090, and #997071 to #997076 for \$42,379.74 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Approval of Bills – Checks #11879 is voided and #11880 to # 11904 for \$9,816.29 were motioned for approval by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Sorensen. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cousart informed Councilmembers of the time off he is currently taking and assured them that he is in daily contact with the staff and available for any immediate needs they might have during this time off.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gay motioned to adjourn the July 10, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorensen. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____