

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes -- REVISED
September 11, 2007**

WORKSHOP WITH CANFIELD & ASSOCIATES 6:00 P.M.

CANCELLED.

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., September 11, 2007.

Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Sorenson, Huber, Gay, and Camarata.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Public Works Lead Bosch, and Fire Chief Carbajal.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Simpson. The motion passed 3 yes with Councilmember Huber and Councilmember Gay abstaining.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Oath of Office – Councilmember Camarata was sworn in by Mayor Cousart to his new position.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – The time is up for Western Engineering to make a decision on the WWTP litigation.

Gray & Osborne will be meeting with MRM on Thursday regarding several issues including the bridge detour.

The preliminary cost of the detour of \$85,000 could end up being more. In addition, the paving may not take place until spring partly because of Gibbs irrigating. Hopefully the bridge portion will still be completed this year.

A representative from MRM explained the irrigation water is a big factor as to why they would rather do the paving next year. The window of period for them to work is from July 2007 until spring of 2008.

Jeff Stevens and the contractor explained they need a decision from Council as soon as possible as to whether to go ahead with the \$85,000 detour bridge or not.

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As a summary, in 2004 the City of Kittitas applied for TIB funding for the bridge project.

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour explained the library assistant, Emily Garland, has resigned as the assistant.

The library board met last Thursday and is requesting to give the assistant hours to the library manager, Maxine Steele. This would increase Maxine's hours to 100 hours per month. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

The Summer Reading Program cost \$788 this year. A request of an additional \$500 was sent into the County for this year's program.

The 2008 library budget request from the County is \$7,000.

Councilmember Gilmour suggested some insulation be installed in the Community Hall Building because of the cost of heating.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the list of surplus books and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Public Works Lead Bosch – Gray & Osborne is working with the contractor on re-striping Main Street.

Tony Yantzer with Cascade Irrigation should be able to dump some of the water out of Caribou Creek near the bridge construction area to another area.

Monday there will be a ribbon cutting for SR17 which is the road from Othello to Ephrata and there will be several representatives from various funding agencies attending this. Public Works Lead Bosch will be attending also.

The application for TIB has been sent in for the dirt streets which will be either in 2008 or 2009 if approved.

The Community Hall painting project will continue on Saturday, September 15th.

Fire Department – Councilmember Huber moved to approve the fire chief's salary to \$1,200 per month for the remainder of the 2007 budget year and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no with Councilmember Gilmour not voting. The approved salary above will be revisited at budget time for the 2008 salary.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 07-014/Hiring Process For Municipal Court Judge – The public hearing was opened with no discussion. The public hearing was closed and Councilmember Gay moving to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Huber seconding the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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Water Rights Fee Schedule – There was discussion on what, if any, water rights fees should be adopted by the City. Councilmember Gilmour moved to table the motion and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion was lost. Councilmember Gay moved to amend the motion for the in lieu of fee for water rights at \$850 per ERU and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of August Payroll/September Draws – Checks #7104-7115, #888071-888090, and #999071-999075 for \$45,185.39 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

Approval of Bills – Checks #12018 to #12044 for \$14,455.67 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Simpson. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

MAYORS REPORT

Reminder -- Public Hearing September 25th at 6:00 p.m. on Construction Specification recommendations from the Planning Commission.

2010 Census – Council agreed to go ahead with the 2010 Census and hopefully getting volunteers to manage it.

