

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2007**

**WORKSHOP WITH CAL JORDAN ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT 6:30
P.M.**

Cal Jordan, who is writing the 2nd CDBG Fire Department Grant, explained what Community Development Block Grant looks for in the grant applications and what questions they need answered. This application is due into CDBG by November 15, 2007. Also, the City is required to hold a public hearing.

If this 2nd application isn't accepted by CDBG, Cal explained we could apply for a Planning Only Grant in 2008 either for a Fire Department Building or a new Community Center.

His suggestion is we join City Hall with the Fire Department Building with a common lobby. CDBG would grant the money for the Fire Department Building only and USDA RD would grant/loan the money for the City Hall remodel.

Council agreed for Cal Jordan to go ahead with the 2nd CDBG Fire Department Grant application. The public hearing will be scheduled for the October 23rd meeting.

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., October 9, 2007.

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

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**CONTINUE PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. – AMENDING THE
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

The public hearing was opened. The public hearing was closed.

Resolution 07-017R – Amendment to Construction Specifications – Councilmember Gay moved to approve this resolution and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2007, meeting and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2007, meeting and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2007, special meeting and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes with Councilmember Sorenson abstaining.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Gilmour – Unfinished Business

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – Jeff Stevens handed out a summary of the Water System Plan which is a Planning Only Grant with CDBG and explained some of the details. Councilmember Huber moved to direct Gray & Osborne to submit this Water System Plan to Department of Health that is due October 15, 2007. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

He also explained they will be contacting Western Engineering Constructors tomorrow regarding the \$35,000 litigation and Gray & Osborne would like to match an additional \$12,000 to clear this litigation up rather than go to Court.

Gray & Osborne is requesting to get back on the payroll the first of November until the project close out. They have contributed an additional \$20,000 beyond what they have billed us for. Jeff explained if they could just recover their payroll costs they would be happy.

The contractor's retainage on the WWTP project is 5%.

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The sewer treatment had two pumps stop running. WWTP Operator Howard will have these rebuilt and possibly even under warranty. He ordered one new pump and it should be here Friday or so. These pumps had a life of 7 years which is pretty good. The cost will be over \$6,400. There is a backup piping plan that is possible which would cost about \$1,750. Council agreed to wait on this option and consider it later.

Mike Meskimen discussed the road project and that the contractor has started on the

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temporary road. He also explained that the City of Kittitas was recommended to be approved for the FREMA grant. This will give us another \$540,000 approximately in grant monies for the road project.

Councilmember Huber explained that Bill Hinkle would get one of his aids to work on the grant for the temporary access road and she will work on the COG grant from the County.

There probably won't be any paving done this year according to Mike Meskimen.

County Rail District Proposal – Louie Musso III explained this is a proposal for a possible passenger/commuter rail service between King County and Kittitas County. The County Commissioners have agreed to put this on the ballot this November. It will not be a true district and will not impose any tax. The County Commissioners would become the rail district commissioners which is kind of an exception to districts. If this is approved, this will qualify the County for state and federal grants. There would be a 2-3 year study that would be funded by the federal government. This rail service would start in Ellensburg at the Depot and stop in Cle Elum, Easton, and Auburn. Then it would connect with the North and South rail system in that area. This transportation would probably cost the same or be cheaper than commuting by car and close to the same time as the commute. In addition, the commuters could work while they are commuting. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this County Rail District Proposal with a stop in Kittitas and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Camarata voting no.

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour reported in November the County Library Board will meet at the Hospital Library.

The Library Board would like to start up the Children's Story Time again.

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

Public Works Lead Bosch – There is a training class in Spokane he would like to attend. There is another class for OSHA in December that would cost \$200.

The STP Fund will have to be applied for in 2008. The only streets that would qualify would be Patrick and Main Streets.

Public Works Lead Bosch discussed the Tony Nichol's residence with Gray & Osborne and has a resolution for the homeowners.

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Fire Department Chief Carbajal – Chief Carbajal suggested billing the Housing Authority for some fittings that they requested added to their hydrant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Gilmour – The estimate on the insulation for the Community Hall is \$2,678 for R38 insulation. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve insulating the attic at Community Hall and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Preliminary Budget – Council discussed the 2008 budget and decided to do a study session on October 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution 07-018R – Amended fee schedule – Councilmember Gay moved to approve this resolution and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

Ordinance 07-019 – Application fees and charges – The public hearing was opened. The public hearing was closed and Councilmember Huber moved to approve this ordinance. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #12081 to #12110 and #771047 for \$25,240.45 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour not voting.

Approval of September Payroll and October Draw – Checks #7116 to #7127, #889071 to #889088, and #991007 to #991011 for \$41,906.69 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

MAYORS REPORT

Clerk/Treasurer Annual Salary Review – Councilmember Gay moved to approve

