

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., October 23, 2007.

Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Sorenson, Gay, and Camarata. Councilmember Huber was absent.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Chief Studer, Police Officer Shuart, WWTP Operator Howard, and Public Works Lead Bosch.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. – ORDINANCE 07-020 2008 MUNICIPAL TAX  
LEVY**

The public hearing was opened and discussed. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve ordinance 07-020--2008 Municipal Tax Levy and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:05 P.M. – COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON THE  
WWTP PROJECT**

The public hearing was opened and discussed. The public hearing was closed. An interpreter was present for Spanish speaking citizens.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:10 P.M. – CDBG GRANT APPLICATION**

The public hearing was opened and discussed. Cal Jordan passed out a draft of the CDBG Grant Application and described the project to the citizens that were present. The public hearing was closed. An interpreter was present for Spanish speaking citizens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2007, regular meeting and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Tiny Allphin – Short Plat Procedures

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

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**Gray & Osborne** – The Water System Plan has been submitted to the Department of Health for review.

The temporary access road has been built at the site of the Caribou Creek Bridge Project. The bridge delivery is scheduled around November 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a change order for about \$166,000 and another one for about \$89,000 for the temporary road plus an additional \$3,300 per week for maintenance on the temporary access road. Schedule B is still being discussed.

Jeff Stevens reported the contractor on the WWTP has agreed to settle for a \$50,000 change order of which the City would pay \$35,000 and Gray & Osborne's portion would be about \$15,000. There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> change order coming through for about \$16,000. There is about \$91,000 left in contingencies on the WWTP in grant monies. This will be used on the above two change orders of \$35,000 and \$16,000. Gray & Osborne is requesting about \$20,000 of these left over grant monies to go towards their cost overrun. Councilmember Gay moved to approve to have the City reimburse Gray & Osborne \$20,000 out of the grant monies left. Jeff Stevens did point out the City did get value for the \$35,000. Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**Police Department** – The Police Department has received their two new computers from the Law & Justice Grant.

A copy of Sunnyside's gang and vandalism ordinances were passed out to Council and Chief Studer would like Council to review it along with the City Attorney.

**Public Works Lead Bosch** – There are some citizens that would like to volunteer their time painting the inside of Community Hall. Public Works Lead Bosch has looked at renting a sander for the floor in Community Hall. Mike Jackson with MDJ explained they would donate their sander at no cost.

There is a roofing company in town that will be giving us an estimate on the Community Hall Roof according to Public Works Lead Bosch.

**WWTP Operator Howard** – The WWTP has received one new pump. They now have a primary pump, a secondary pump, and a complete separate system as a third backup. He explained if the pump that was rebuilt isn't under warranty it will cost around \$4,000. The new pump purchased cost around \$7,200. The purchase of this pump was authorized on an emergency basis by Mayor Cousart and with the verbal agreement of Councilmembers Huber, Sorenson, and Gay.

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**Treasurer's Report – see handout**

**Delinquent Report – see handout**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Allphin Short Plat – Doesn't understand the Title 14 of the City code. Title 14 was adopted by Council in 2006.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks #12111 to #12144 and #770930 to #770931 for \$36,881.15 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**Approval of WWTP Pay Estimate – Western Engineering** – Councilmember Gay moved to approve pay estimate #14 for \$61,438.03 and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

**MAYORS REPORT**

No discussion

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Brush along road** – Councilmember Gilmour is wondering why the brush in several areas of the City has not been removed. Public Works Lead Bosch will take care of it this week.

**Ralph Allphin** – Councilmember Gilmour suggested Ralph Allphin fill in for WWTP Operator Howard when he takes days off. Council agreed to find out if he has certification in wastewater.

**Community Hall Insulation** – Councilmember Gay thanked Councilmember Gilmour for arranging the insulating of the Community Hall which is scheduled to be done Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the October 23, 2007, meeting. The motion was

