

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., November 13, 2007.

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

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Public Works Lead Bosch.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2007, regular meeting and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no with a correction made regarding the WWTP emergency purchase of a pump.

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2007, special meeting and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor – Mayor Cousart announced his resignation effective November 30, 2007.

Gray & Osborne – Jeff Stevens explained the cost of the maintenance on the temporary road will be paid from grant money but will be in addition to change order #2 below.

He also explained the following change orders that need to be approved:

Caribou Creek Bridge Change Order #1 – Councilmember Camarata moved to approve Caribou Creek Bridge Change Order #1 for \$(166,579.56) and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Caribou Creek Bridge Change Order #2 – Councilmember Gay moved to approve Caribou Creek Bridge Change Order #2 for \$88,973.00 and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

MRM Construction Pay Estimate #1 – Councilmember Camarata moved to approve pay estimate #1 for \$207,273.52 and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The

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motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Jeff Stevens also explained he is working with Councilmember Huber on the COG grant for the cost of the temporary bridge.

Library Board – The library board met with the Regional Library Board on November 7th. The Kittitas Library Board budget for 2008 revenue is \$6,500 from the County.

Chairperson Marylou Gilmour handed Council a revised 2008 budget.

She also explained the new insulation installed at Community Hall has helped a lot.

The library board would like to hire an assistant in January 2008 to fill the vacant library assistant position. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this hiring starting in January 2008 and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. This position is a part-time position at 20 hours/\$200 per month.

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

Public Works Lead Bosch – Public Works Lead Bosch thinks the flat part of the Community Hall roof looks good and suggested some patching to fix the areas that need repaired.

He handed out a revenue/expense report on the annual net cost of Wilson Park. Based on his calculation, the park costs the City \$2,641.95 per year.

Resident Jade Andrews has an extremely high water table on his property on Pierce Street. He has asked that the City donate a load of gravel and he would also purchase a load of gravel. Council suggested that this resident get some professional help with this water issue.

Treasurer's Report – see handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #07-021R/Snow Removal – Councilmember Gay moved to approve Resolution #07-021R and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Ordinance #07-022/Snow Dumping – The public hearing was opened with no

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comments. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve Ordinance #07-022 with the penalty as a C-13 which states a penalty of not less than \$50 and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Resolution #07-023R/CDBG Fire Department Grant Application Authorization – Councilmember Gay moved to approve Resolution #07-023R and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Chini/City Inspector – Tom Chini would like to meet with Council on November 27, 2007. Councilmember Gay would like to see a resume of his work history.

Hearing Examiner Contract Renewal – Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the 2008-2010 contract renewal for the hearing examiner, Andy Kottkamp, subject to the approval of our attorney. Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #12145 to #12196 for \$138,937.78 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Approval of October Payroll and November Draws – Checks #7128 to #7139, #880071 to #880087, and #991107 to #991111 for \$46,009.42 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

2nd Meeting in December – Mayor Cousart noted the 2nd meeting in December falls on Christmas Day.

Resignation – Mayor Cousart's date of resignation will be November 30, 2007, and he explained there is one prospect. Council appoints a citizen of interest as Mayor. The Attorney General's Office takes the position that no member of the Council can fill the position even though there are no court decisions on point. If a person was to bring a challenge, presumably this opinion would be followed according to MRSC.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Painting North Side of City Hall – Councilmember Sorenson suggested if a mural isn't

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going to get painted on the North Side of City Hall that the City paint it. Councilmember Gilmour offered to donate the paint.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Sorenson moved to adjourn the November 13, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 4 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Attest: Robert E Cousart

Clerk/Treasurer
