

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2007**

Pro-tem Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.,
December 11, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Sorenson, Gay, and Camarata.

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

Pro-Tem Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the minutes from the November 27, 2007, regular meeting and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – Mike Meskimen explained the new bridge is now in place for the winter. Change order #4 will be for the hot mix. This cost will replace the maintenance on the temporary road. There won't be much more work done this year until spring time.

There is a second pay estimate for \$282,620.65 to the contractor, MRM Construction. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve pay estimate #2 for \$282,620.65 and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

There are 3 more change orders coming – approximately \$12,000 which will cover costs for the temporary paving of the bridge to allow use of the bridge during the winter months, approximately \$1,500 for additional piping work associated with the water main relocation, and an approximate \$8,000 credit for signing associated with the long detour route that was not installed when the detour roadway was utilized.

Nancy Morter explained the electrical installation did not contribute to the failure of the WWTP pumps. After talking to the pump manufacturer, they do not know why one of the pumps failed. The other pump had a seal failure. There are 3 choices we can make. The 1st option is to purchase a brand new pump for about \$12,500 from a different manufacturer including sales tax and freight. These pumps can last 10-15 years. The 2nd option is the down pumps can be rebuilt for a total of about \$8,200 for both. The 3rd

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option would be to rebuild the one good pump of these two pumps for about \$4,100. Councilmember Gay thinks we should look into purchasing this new style of pump. Nancy believes that this pump issue should be part of the grant money but the ultimate decision is up to USDA RD.

Councilmember Gay moved to approve the agreement for engineering services with Gray & Osborne amendment #3 and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

Library Board – Chairperson Marylou Gilmour explained the library board has decreased their budget more.

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

Police Department – Chief Studer gave Council a handout showing how many tickets were issued in 2007.

He also explained he spoke with Contour Inc. on getting rid of the debris on Mason Street.

Officer Les Peratrovich has announced his retirement as of December 31, 2007. He will be working as a paid reserve in 2008.

Pro-Tem Mayor Huber asked if the police department has acted on the emergency preparedness. Chief Studer explained they have been working on it.

Our attorney wrote a memo regarding the gang ordinance and suggests we look into this subject more.

Public Works Lead Bosch – Public Works Lead Bosch reported he went last week to the Quadco meeting and we need to adopt a resolution stating the Council agrees to work with them. Quadco gets money from legislation, takes in applications, and decide on what ones to fund on.

Council agreed to join, along with some legislators, the ribbon cutting ceremony next September for the Caribou Creek Bridge Project.

An application now has to be submitted to receive STP Funds. The City's portion is 13% and the only streets that can use these funds are Patrick Avenue and Main Street. Council suggested bringing ideas on projects to the next meeting. The application is due January 11, 2008.

Last night someone tore off the boards that Councilmember Gilmour put on the Gazebo

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last year.

WWTP Operator Howard – The bugs at the WWTP are doing much better this week.

Treasurer's Report – see handout

Planning Report – see handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tom Chini – City Inspector – Councilmember Gay suggested having Tom Chini put a proposal together for services.

Ordinance 07-024 – 2007 Budget Amendment #3 – The public hearing was opened with no discussion. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve ordinance 07-024 and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Ordinance 07-025 – Revised Building Code – The public hearing was opened with no discussion. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve ordinance 07-025 and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Resolution 07-026R – Revised Building Permit Fees – Councilmember Camarata moved to approve resolution 07-026R and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Last Council Meeting in December – The last meeting of the year will be December 27th at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Final Budget Public Hearing – The public hearing was opened. Karen Eslinger explained how much work has been put into the library over the last several years and really hopes the library doesn't get closed because of budget cuts. Terry Leader also spoke in favor of the library. He made two suggestions. The first one is possibly removing the reserve officer pay. The second suggestion is having the Mayor and Council donate their wages back to the community. He would write a letter to the Daily Record stating this money was donated back. Jeff Schmidt was a third person speaking in favor of the library. He also has concern for the unpaved streets and said his students in his classroom share this concern. Tony Helland is concerned with cutting police services and said we cannot afford to cut any. Marylou Gilmour stated that her 2008

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budget wasn't correct. Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb will check into this.

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After some discussion, the public hearing was closed and turned over to Council for discussion. Council agreed to reduce the police budget by \$10,000 because of Officer Les Peratrovich.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program – Memo of Understanding – Councilmember Camarata agreed to sign this memo of understanding and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Court and City Check Signers – Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the two check signers as the Mayor and one Councilmember to sign the court checks. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #12218 to #12248 for \$190,201.76 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Camarata and seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Approval of Payroll – Checks #7140 to #7168, #881171 to #881186, and #991271 to #991275 for \$46,870.03 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Christmas Party – The Christmas Party will be at Clerk/Treasurer Newcomb's on December 22 at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmember Gay – He explained he is happy how the budget process worked out.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the December 11, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting

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adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest: Pro-Tem Mayor Linda Huber

Clerk/Treasurer
