

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2007**

Pro-tem Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., December 27, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Sorenson, Gay, and Camarata.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Sorenson moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 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

Police Department – Chief Studer reported Police Officer Les Peratrovich completed his six month probation period and will move to the next step of \$19.96 according to the union contract. He also will be retiring as of December 31, 2007.

The Police Department had a car prowler last weekend and the suspect was charged with five vehicle prowls and one theft.

WWTP Operator Howard – A couple of weeks ago the Benton Street Lift Station motor was showing it had moisture in it. It was turned off and sent to Bellevue under warranty yesterday. They will also check the distance between the motors.

WWTP Assistant David Cameron has given his notice so Council agreed to get an ad in the newspaper for his replacement. Pro Tem Mayor Huber suggested advertising in the Yakima Herald in addition to the Daily Record.

Public Works Lead Bosch –Public Works Lead Bosch reported Public Works assistant Brenda Thoennes completed her six month probation period and will move to the next step of \$12.59 according to the union contract.

The rock from the Operating Engineers School will be tested to see if it passes DOT specifications. It will save the City \$24,622.22 if it passes this inspection. Hopefully

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they will start April 21st prepping the streets.

Pro Tem Mayor Huber suggested we contact our City attorney to make sure we are in compliance using the Operating Engineers School and the rock they will supply us.

Public Works Bosch would like to get a letter out in February to citizens notifying them of the two streets the Operating Engineers School will be paving and letting them know if they are interested in natural gas they need to get it connected prior to their street being paved.

Louie Gibson will be coming out to the Brown Property to clear the debris that Contour Inc. has piled on the property along with the trees that need to be cut down and removed.

Treasurer's Report – see handout

Delinquent Report – see handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tom Chini – City Inspector – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the agreement with Tom Chini and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion based on the approval of our City attorney. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Ordinance 07-027 – 2008 Budget – The public hearing was opened. There was discussion about the Cascade 1 lease income and Council agreed it should go into the general fund. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Camarata moved to approve ordinance 07-027 and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no. It also was noted that Toni Nelson informed Council through email that because the City used up its beginning balance in the Current Expense Fund that they could possibly get either a management letter or a finding from the State Auditor's Office. She suggested drastic measures be made to 2008 spending to try and recoup a portion of these reserves.

Street Ending Balance – The Street ending balance was discussed along with various options.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to pay a 2007 payable out of the 2008 budget to keep the street fund ending 2007 balance positive. Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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NEW BUSINESS

2008 EMS Agreement – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the 2008 EMS Agreement and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Resolution 07-028R Interlocal Agreement with Quadco – Councilmember Gay moved to approve resolution 07-028R/Interlocal Agreement with Quadco based on the approval of our City attorney and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Ordinance 07-029 – 2007 Budget Amendments – The public hearing was opened. After no discussion the public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Police Chief Mike Studer 3% salary increase – Councilmember Camarata moved to approve this salary increase and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no. Chief Studer's salary will be increased to \$4,326 per month effective January 1, 2008.

Copier Lease – Councilmember Gay moved to approve the copy lease and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

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Ordinance 07-030 – Interfund Loan Current Expense—Water/Sewer Fund – The public hearing was opened with no discussion. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Gay moved to approve the interfund loan from the Water/Sewer Fund to the Current Expense Fund for an amount up to \$100,000 at the rate of 5.2% for no more than one year and Councilmember Camarata seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #12249 to #12273 for \$312,081.66 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay with the exception of check #12262 for Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue for \$309.20 and seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Pro Tem Mayor Huber will discuss this Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue billing with Chief Carbajal.

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MAYORS REPORT

Cole's Crossing II – The City has been served with a land use petition on Cole's Crossing II on a variety of issues. Our city attorney and Contour Inc.'s attorney will be discussing this petition to see if there is an agreement that can be reached.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

COG Money – Councilmember Gilmour suggested sending the County a thank you letter for granting us this COG money.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gilmour moved to adjourn the December 27, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Attest: Pro-Tem Mayor Linda Huber

Clerk/Treasurer
