

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2009**

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., January 27, 2009. Councilmembers present: Turpin, Gilmour, Camarata, Gay, and Alvord.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Chief of Police Studer.

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2009, regular meeting with one change made to the Library report and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Camarata moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2009, special meeting and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Turpin voting no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Councilmember Turpin moved to approve the agenda as stands and Councilmember Alvord seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Kirk Holmes, Kittitas County Public Works Director – FEMA Disaster Mitigation Grant – continued to the February 10, 2009 meeting.

Treasurer Report – See handout.

Delinquent Report – See handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Surplus List – Councilmember Alvord explained using an auction for the surplus of cars is an option. Heaverlo Auction is a possibility. She feels like this is a good option. This will come back to council at a later date.

Pro Tem Mayor – Tabled to February 10, 2009 meeting per Mayor Huber explaining due to a hearing of Councilmember Turpin's. Councilmember Turpin noted this comment is out of line and in appropriate. Mayor Huber noted Councilmember Turpin's concern.

NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney Correspondence – Discussion – Mayor Huber explained we are in contract with our city attorney for \$1,200 per month. He explained Council needs to set policy for contacting our attorney.

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Councilmember Gay explained prior Mayor Arington said Council is not to contact the attorney. Councilmember Alvord explained she feels Council needs to have access to legal advice. MRSC is a free legal contact. This was tabled to the February 10, 2009 meeting.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of January Bills – Checks #12984 to #13021 and #771208 to #771210 for \$450,906.59 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Gay and seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Huber thanked Council for entrusting him as mayor.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Chop Saw – Councilmember Gilmour took the saw to Yakima and had it repaired and might have saved the city \$1,200.

State Parks Bridge – We still haven't heard from the State Parks on the bridge that flooded.

Union – Councilmember Gilmour asked if we heard from the Union on re-negotiating the contract.

Audit – We still haven't heard back on our 2006-2007 audit.

Warm Springs Water Contract – Mayor Huber explained there is some discussion between the Clerfs and their attorney about re-negotiating the contract that expires in 2013.

UGA – Councilmember Turpin explained the Eastern WA Hearings Board has not addressed the City of Kittitas UGA. We should hear something by the middle of February.

Stimulus Package – Councilmember Gilmour asked if we could stay on top of the stimulus package. Mayor Huber explained he is going to meet with the County Commissioners about this. Councilmember Gay explained we applied for two projects – the fine screen and the lift station pumps.

Police Department – Chief Studer explained he has issued a few garbage tickets. The law is written that the property owner has to provide garbage cans. He would like to see all landlords be required to supply cans for each residence. Councilmember Gay asked him to bring something back to Council next meeting.

Personnel Committee – Councilmember Alvord explained there is an opening on the personnel committee and asked the audience if anyone was interested. Jessica Gleason was suggested.

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ADJOURN

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the January 27, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Turpin. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Huber _____

Clerk/Treasurer _____