

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2011**

Mayor Tony Helland called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., December 27, 2011. Councilmember's present was Jerry Gilmour, Rick Hink, Jeff Gay, Linda Huber and Teresa McCollum-Jacobson.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee; Bryan Nash

Mayor Tony Helland led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes from December 13, 2011.

Motion by: Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 5 yes, 0 no.

MOTION: To approve the Special Meeting minutes from November 8, 2011 with the correction of Jeff Gay being absent.

Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 4 yes, 1 abstention.

MOTION: To approve the Special Meeting minutes from November 15, 2011

Motion by Councilmember Huber; seconded by Councilmember Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 5 yes, 0 no.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: To approve the agenda.

Motion by Councilmember Gay; seconded by Councilmember Hink.

Motion Carried: 5 yes; 0 no

PUBLIC APPEARANCE COMMENTS

No speakers.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

A. **Staff Reports:** None

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Val Bosch** – Consulting Invoice. Mayor Helland discussed that Val has helped the City with finding some water mains and helping the guys get things done right. I feel he should not go totally uncompensated for his help. Councilmember Huber indicated that there is a procedural problem in that the Mayor can not enter into a contract with an individual without the councils' OK. The Mayor stands corrected for not bringing this up sooner. He did not agree to the amount per hour. Discussion by the council as to amounts to pay any consulting personnel and was there a contract or something verbally indicated and also the issue, not a personal issue with Val but prior approval is needed for contracted work. Also, Val is going to be a Councilmember and other councilmember's who volunteer their services don not get compensated, do contractors have business licenses; would this set a president. Discussion followed about turning this over to legal counsel for advice. Councilmember Huber would like clarification on dates, type of work performed, and the mayor's input as to when he had the conversation with Val and about the work that he directed that conversation to be as long as all that information is conveyed to the attorney. The Mayor requested a more concise invoice from Val.

MOTION: To table this invoice for \$1,140.00, and send it to legal counsel to find out for sure what the City of Kittitas' legal responsibility is to this issue.

Motion by Councilmember Hink seconded by Gilmour.

Motion Carried: 5 yes, 0 no

B. Swearing in of new Council Members Pat Cort and Val Bosch. Mayor Helland swore in Pat Cort and Val Bosch as new City of Kittitas Council Members. Their first meeting will be in January, 2012.

PAYMENT APPROVALS

A. **December 27, 2011, Bills: \$24,193.76.**

MOTION: Move to pay December 27, 2011, bills in the amount of \$24,193.76, with the Mayor reviewing what the GMAC loan for \$12,400 prior to payment...

Motion by Councilmember Gay; seconded by Councilmember Hink

Motion Carried: 5 yes, 0 no.

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MAYOR'S REPORT

- Small discussion about reviewing all the four-way stop streets in the City of Kittitas. The Mayor will be meeting with the Police Chief about this issue.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Councilmember Huber thanked Jeff Gay for all his six years of work on the council. Val Bosch will be replacing Jeff Gay.
- Councilmember Cort thanked Teresa McCollum-Jacobson for filling in on the Council.
- Discussion about the fact the lights are out in the sign out front of the City Hall.

Adjourn at 7:31 pm

Attest:

Mayor Helland

Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Lee