

City of Kittitas  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
December 22, 2005

Mayor Cousart called the Special Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., December 22, 2005. Councilmembers present; Allphin, Gilmour, Helland, Huber, and Keys.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Utility Worker Bosch. Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**TIB Bridge Project/Gibbs**

Ron and Doug Gibb were present along with the City's attorney, Katherine Kenison, and Jeff Stevens with Gray & Osborne. Katherine Kenison summarized the agreement she had drawn up between the City and the Gibb brothers. Ron Gibb explained how this project will take out their main diversion and the cost to replace it could be around \$250,000. Both the City and the Gibbs agreed unless a grant is available that neither one could afford this replacement cost. If a grant is available it would cover about 80% of the cost. Ron Gibb said he would take this agreement to their attorney to look it over but it would have to be contingent upon getting funding for the diversion. It was suggested that the City contact our state representatives on the issue.

**Land Appraisal**

It would cost \$2,700 to have the land appraised that we are exchanging with the Gibb brothers. Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve the appraisal of both properties being swapped and it was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.

**Council Discussion**

Mayor Cousart reported there is a \$30,000 grant from RDA available of which the City would contribute 25%. If received this would be used for the new roof on City Hall.

Utility Worker Val Bosch reported a Small Cities Paving Grant is available also. This grant is for \$100,000 for overlay and \$50,000 for the seal coating.

Mayor Cousart also reported WWTP Operator Cecil Howard is on Labor & Industries after slipping on ice on December 20, 2005. WWTP/Water Operator Jeremy Combs won't be able to take the WWTP test until summer. The City needs to have a copy of his GED on file.

**City Attorney Contract**

The present contract with Katherine Kenison is valid until December 31, 2006, unless terminated, and is as follows: \$1,200 per month up to 11 hours and each additional hour at \$125.00 per hour.

Katherine Kenison explained how the dockets are getting smaller. She suggested we go through our code book and clean up criminal codes that should be civil codes and update our land use codes. She will put together a list of issues we need to clean up and strongly recommended the City to take our water issues up with our legislature.

Councilmember Huber moved to continue Katherine Kenison's contract and it was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no.

**Adjourn**

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the December 22, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Helland. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Robert E Cousart \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_