

**City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2009**

Mayor Huber called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., June 3, 2009. Councilmembers present; Turpin, Gay, Alvord, and Camarata. Councilmember Gilmour was absent.

Mayor Huber led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**DOE Stimulus Grant/Loan**

Jeff Stevens and Nancy Morter with Gray & Osborne were present for any questions council might have. Some points made were as follows:

- The design portion can only be paid with loan monies.
- Councilmember Gay stated the fine screen is the #1 priority.
- WWTP Manager Howard explained the first jet system is plugged 6 out of 8 nozzles and the second jet system is plugged 7 out of 8 nozzles. The tanks must be drained to unplug the nozzles and is a major process.
- City of Grand Coulee and Morton both are also putting in fine screens.
- As of July 2012 no visible debris will be allowed in the biosolids per DOE.
- The fine screen is not 100% as the holes are ¼”.
- Currently the debris the fine screen catches can go to a landfill but the future is unknown. There is also a bagging system but isn't recommended.
- Councilmember Alvord stated the sewer increase wouldn't take effect until 2011.
- Nancy Morter explained new influent pumps would increase reliability as they are unpredictable when they fail.
- She also explained the ORP control would give more control over contaminant removal.
- Doing the fine screen, influent pumps, and ORP control at once will be easier and cheaper.
- The maximum cost will be \$742,235 of which 65% will be loan and 35% will be grant. It is also possible the bid will come in under this amount.
- Completion would be around March 2010 and the first payment on the loan is due one year from completion date.
- Councilmember Turpin believes there will be less manual labor required with these new controls in place and the city should be able to cut the employees at the wastewater treatment plant from 2 to 1.5 employees.
- WWTP Manager Howard explained there won't be that much time saved but the reliability and controls that will be in place will keep the plant in DOE compliance.

Councilmember Alvord moved to approve the fine screen, influent pumps, and ORP controls through the DOE stimulus 65% loan/35% grant and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2 with Councilmembers Gay and Alvord voting yes, Councilmembers Turpin and Camarata voting no, and Mayor Huber voting yes to break the tie.

Councilmember Gay moved to adjourn the meeting and Councilmember Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Attest: Mayor Fred Huber \_\_\_\_\_

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