

City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 7, 2005

Mayor Cousart called the Special Meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. July 7, 2005. Councilmembers present; Allphin, Gilmour, Helland, Huber and Keys.

Staff present was Clerk/Treasurer Piercy; Utility Worker Bosch and Waste Water Treatment Operator Cecil Howard.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**Correspondence, Complaints and Applications**

a. Cole's Crossing/Guest Platt – Consideration of Final Plat Approval. Council reviewed a letter received from city engineer, Jeff Stevens of Gray & Osborne, dated July 7, 2005 detailing eleven (11) areas of concerns in the Preliminary Plat plans. Council reviewed each item listed separately with discussion following. Councilmember Huber moved to approve the Final Plat subject to the conditions and receipt of the performance bond to the city. The following conditions will be changed on the final Mylar's and submitted to the city for review by the City engineer and for signatures by the City engineer and Clerk/Treasurer.

1. *Half-Street Improvements*; Developer will add curb and gutter to the west side of street.
2. *Dead End at North End of Cole Street*; Developer will add Fire Hydrant near lot 42.
3. *Curb Ramps*; Developer has agreed to comply with engineers recommendations, item 7 of letter dated July 7, 2005.
4. *Irrigation System*; Developer has agreed to comply with engineers recommendations, item 9 of letter dated July 7, 2005.
5. *Sidewalks*; Developer has agreed to comply with engineers recommendations, item 10 of letter dated July 7, 2005.

**The motion was seconded by Councilmember Allphin. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no**

b. Water/Sewer Connection Rate Fees Study Session. Councilmembers discussed the necessity and impact of raising the current water/sewer rates. City engineer, Jeff Stevens of Gray & Osborne, explained the purpose and long term outlook of increasing the water/sewer rates. Council expressed their concerns about the impact to the citizens of Kittitas. Councilmember Huber moved to increase the water connection fee(s) and the sewer connection fee(s) from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. This increase represents a 25% increase applicable to all sizes of water/sewer connections. \*\*Refer to Exhibit A. Councilmember Huber requested

that further increases be reviewed through the yearly budget cycle. **The motion was seconded by Councilmember Allphin. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no.**

New Business

- a. Request Approval to hire the new WWTP Trainee/Utility Worker, Jeremy Combs. Mayor Cousart discussed the employee selection process and selection committee recommendation. Councilmember Huber moved to hire Jeremy Combs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Allphin. The motion passes 5 yes 0 no.
  
- b. Request Approval to hire the new Librarian Assistant, Maxine Steele. Mayor Cousart discussed the employee selection process and selection committee recommendation Councilmember Huber moved to hire Maxine Steele as Temporary, Part-Time Library Assistant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keys. The motion passes 5 yes 0 no.

Adjourn

- 1. Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the July 7, 2005 Council Meeting; seconded by Councilmember Helland; approved by council. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Janice Piercy \_\_\_\_\_

Councilmembers:

Jerry Gilmour \_\_\_\_\_

Todd Keys \_\_\_\_\_

Linda Huber \_\_\_\_\_

Tiny Allphin \_\_\_\_\_

Tony Helland \_\_\_\_\_