

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., January 23, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Huber, Simpson, and Helland.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Public Works Lead Bosch, and Police Chief Mike Studer.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Helland moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no with Councilmember Simpson abstaining. Councilmember Helland moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Gay and Councilmember Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Sid Duke

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne

N/A

Wes Gano

N/A

Police

There is an emergency management workshop for Senior Public Officials on Thursday, April 19, 2007, to familiarize Senior Public Officials on their roles and responsibilities.

Chief Studer would like to see the sales tax rate for the City of Kittitas be increased 3/10 of 1%. Council agreed this is a good idea and will be discussing this further.

Officer Shuart is having surgery in 4-6 weeks about the time Officer Beaton is leaving for training. Chief Studer would like to get a temporary employee during this time.

The Police Department is still working hard on code violations.

The Police Department received the new tazer and it works very well.

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Public Works Lead Bosch

The City received the permit from Department of Fish & Game to trim some trees in the creek and have until the first of February unless they get an extension.

The asphalt at the WWTP was placed there by Superior Asphalt from a prior Street Project. Public Works Lead Bosch will keep in contact with them to get them to move it.

Brent Renfrow went over to 102 King (Ellen Crawford's residence) to look at the creek. He looked at the bridges with Public Works Lead Bosch along with the creek. The creek looked fairly good.

Public Works Lead Bosch looked at lawnmowers in Yakima and didn't see many that were worth looking at.

The Cole's Crossing I lines were Tv'ed last week.

A guy from Yakima will give Public Works more training tomorrow on the lift station.

The City is waiting on the software for the flashing school lights.

Treasurer's Report – See Handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library Service Contract – The contract for 2007 is \$6,000. Councilmember Simpson moved to approve this contract and Councilmember Huber seconded it. The motion was passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Surplus UV System/WWTP – The public hearing was opened for the surplus of the old UV System at the WWTP to be given to the town of Moser, Oregon. The public hearing was closed. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this and Councilmember Helland seconded it. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Council Rules of Procedure Ordinance 07-003 – Moved to next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Sid Duke – He is requesting to Petition the Council for a vacation of a portion of First Street which would require further steps with the Council. If he applies for a variance that would require a Hearing Examiner. Mr. Duke will contact our planner, Lisa Parks regarding this.

