

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2007**

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 6:30 p.m., May 22, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Gay, and Huber. Councilmember Simpson and Councilmember Helland were absent.

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 Gay moved to approve the minutes of the May 08, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Huber. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1. Coy Lovell – American Dream Homes
2. Councilmember Gilmour

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

Gray & Osborne – N/A

Police – Chief Studer reported Officer Shuart is back on the job after surgery and is doing well.

He also reported Council needs to take action on former Officer Beaton's replacement, Les Peratravich. Councilmember Huber moved to approve this hiring and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no. Officer Peratravich's starting wage will be \$18.99 per hour.

There are currently 3 full-time paid officers including the Chief and 4 reserves including one temporary paid reserve, Officer Geary. Chief Studer explained he is trying to get donations from the community to pay for Officer Geary's salary for the next few months.

Chief Studer will look into the costs associated with remodeling either the old fire station in City Hall for a police station or the proposed police station in the Fire Station. He says there is a privacy issue in his current office and with the records in the back room not locked up. A lease would be another option to remodeling.

A safe was donated to the police department and in June the police cars should be arriving.

Public Works Lead Bosch – Public Works Lead Bosch explained he attended his first Quadco meeting. Once a City belongs to Quadco they can apply for the grants that are available through them. He explained the Mayor needs to send a letter requesting a seat on the Quadco board.

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He will be working with Jan at the County on getting the sidewalk on Road 81 constructed and possibly a bike trail also.

The striping from the road project last year hasn't lasted and the contractor will be covering it under warranty.

The Kern Company is requesting the City to install 8" pipe for about \$800 to keep the area from not flooding. A detention pond was also discussed by Council. Council agreed our engineer needs to look at it before making a decision.

The school lift station had some pipe installed incorrectly and the manufacturer will re-plumb it at their expense.

Dan Menth will lease his pressure washer for \$100 per month to the City with an option to buy it for \$2,500. The monthly rental will be deducted from the purchase price if Council budgets to purchase it. Public Works Lead Bosch explained they currently use cold water to clean the grease out before going into the tanks at the lift stations and with this hot water pressure washer, which includes 400 feet of hose, they would spend half of the time and use less water. This process needs to be done about once per month.

Treasurer's Report – See handout

Delinquent Report – See handout

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-Tem Oath of Office – Mayor Cousart read Mayor Pro-Tem Huber the oath of office and she was sworn in.

Councilmember Gilmour – Questioned when the union contract was signed and approved.

Inspector for Subdivisions – Council discussed an inspector to inspect the subdivisions and would like more information and costs involved. Mayor Cousart explained this is a pass thru fee to the developer.

Cole's I Performance Bond – Coy Lovell with American Dream Homes requested for the performance bond on Cole's Crossing I be released and explained he will repair the sidewalks when the project is complete. Council suggested the \$376,372 bond be replaced with a \$60,000 bond upon approval of the City Attorney, Katherine Kenison. This would cover any sidewalk/curb damage that has been done.

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NEW BUSINESS

USDA RD Grant/Loan for WWTP – Councilmember Huber moved to approve the amended contract with USDA on the WWTP to \$151,000 loan funds and \$156,000 grant funds and

