

**City of Kittitas
Council Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2007**

WORKSHOP WITH KITTCOM AT 6:30 P.M.

Steve Reinke with Kittcom presented information to the Council about funding sources for Kittcom and what the budget entails. He also explained some grants and projects that are being implemented. Some other things discussed were:

**Mobile Data are the laptop computers the officers have in their car. They can receive dispatched calls directly on their laptop, look up warrants, driving records, etc.

**It takes dispatchers three times longer to process a cell phone call than a wire line call which is immediate. Today cell phone calls are about 60% of the call base.

**The current staffing includes 12 dispatchers, two supervisors, one director, a communications engineer, and a .6 full-time Spillman administrator. It takes 11 dispatchers to cover two dispatcher positions 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

**Since 1993 calls for service have increased 92.6% and labor costs have increased 62.5%.

**Kittitas Police Department activity went up 55.8% but costs are rising 37.7%.

Small cities are represented by a representative from Cle Elum who represents Cle Elum, South Cle Elum, Roslyn, and Kittitas. There are a total of seven Kittcom board members. The meetings are the second Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., August 28, 2007. Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Sorenson, and Huber. Councilmember Gay was absent.

Staff present was City Clerk/Treasurer Robin Newcomb and Public Works Lead Bosch.

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007, meeting and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Gilmour. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Tim Barnes -- Mural
Gary Brown – Police Protection and Development
Councilmember Gilmour

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

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Vacant Council Position – Councilmember Gilmour moved to approve John Camarata to fill out the remaining term of Bruce Simpson’s Council Position and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no. We will swear Councilmember Camarata in at the next Council Meeting.

Gray & Osborne – Councilmember Huber moved to approve the TIB grant for the Sidewalk Program with a \$22,512 match from the City for 2008/2009. Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Huber moved to approve the application to apply for TIB funding for materials for the dirt streets. The Operating Engineers School is willing to donate the labor to pave them. Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Huber asked to be excused from the meeting.

Public Works Lead Val Bosch – Public Works Lead Bosch talked about the donations and volunteers that helped with the painting of the Community Hall last weekend. The cost exceeded the budget of \$519 by about \$800 for a total of just under \$1,400.

Kittitas Solid Waste put in for a grant to recycle yard debris. They would gather it twice a year from the City of Kittitas.

Waste Management reported they are getting bike tires, car seats etc. in the white dumpster behind City Hall. Public Works Bosch suggested locking the top so the items have to go through the side slots. Council agreed with this.

He also reported he received a diagram on the detour for the Caribou Creek Bridge Project. It would be a two lane road.

Public Works Lead Bosch suggested the groups that use the Community Hall at no charge do community service for the City of Kittitas. Council agreed to this

Fire Department – See handout on insurance company evaluation of the Fire Department

Treasurer’s Report – See handouts

Aging Report – See handout

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Tim Barnes – He would like to know if the Council would like to use some of his drawings to generate revenue like the selling of T-shirts etc. Councilmember Sorenson said it was very considerate for Mr. Barnes to donate this image. Councilmember Gilmour suggested Mr. Barnes helping him turn the old slab of concrete into a skateboard park. Mayor Cousart suggested we contact a couple of local businesses to see if they are interested in this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Larry Baker – Mr. Baker was billed by the City \$150 for having a covered meter and is disputing it.

Councilmember Sorenson explained it is the property owner's responsibility to keep the meter accessible.

Councilmember Sorenson moved to drop the fine against Larry Baker for covering his meter and Councilmember Gilmour seconded the motion. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

Councilmember Gilmour – Building Code Update – Councilmember Gilmour suggested Mike Burtness take care of updating the building code.

Gary Brown – He made a call to the police department due to a speeding car and was disappointed in the Kittcom operator. Officer Shuart called back along with Officer Geary and handled the situation very well.

He also is concerned with the drainage problem in front of his house because of the sinkhole. He said there is only one storm drain on his street. Public Works Lead Bosch said the water starts at his house and runs down to Mr. Brown's property. This was designed by the County.

Mr. Brown explained the houses need to look different in the new developments and it was suggested that he contact the Planning Commission regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Gilmour – He suggested the City get some checklists like Ellensburg has for annexation steps etc. and will get copies of theirs for us to look at.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT

Approval of Bills – Checks #11994 to #12017 for \$22,184.31 were moved to be

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approved by Councilmember Camarata and seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 3 yes and 0 no.

MAYORS REPORT

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Audit – There possibly will be a finding from the 2006 federal audit because of paperwork not being in our file. The City has chosen to dispute this finding.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Gilmour moved to adjourn the August 28, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Camarata. The motion passed 3 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Attest: Robert E Cousart

Clerk/Treasurer
