

City of Kittitas  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2007

**WORKSHOP ON PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND  
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS 6:00 P.M.**

Our planner, Lisa Parks, explained the new Planned Development Code being presented and the amendment to the Construction Specifications. The entire package was sent to CTED for an expedited review which limits the comment period to 14 days instead of 60 days and this was approved by CTED.

The recommendations made by Lisa on the Planned Development Code were:

1. Change section 17.38.015 #B-1 to include apartments and condominiums
2. Change section 17.38.035 #14 to include geo thermal and other designs to the solar design.

Mayor Cousart called the meeting of the Kittitas City Council to order at 7:00 p.m., September 25, 2007.

Councilmembers present; Gilmour, Sorenson, Huber, Gay, and Camarata.

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

Mayor Cousart led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

**PUBLIC HEARING 7:00 P.M. – PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND  
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

The public hearing was opened. The public hearing was closed.

**Ordinance 07-015 – Planned Development Code** – Councilmember Huber moved to approve this ordinance with the recommendations of our planner to add to section 17.38.015 #B-1 to include apartments and condominiums and adding section 17.38.035 #14 to include geo thermal and other designs and Councilmember Gay seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**Resolution 07-017R – Amendment to Construction Specifications** – Councilmember Huber moved to continue the public hearing and have staff bring back a report on rolled curbs and Councilmember Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were tabled until the next Council meeting so the approval of the Fire Chief's salary can be reviewed per the request of Councilmember Gilmour.

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**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Kevin Guest  
Councilmember Gilmour

**REPORT OF OFFICERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS**

**END OF TAPE 1 SIDE 1**

**Gray & Osborne** – Mike Meskimen explained the bridge has been ordered and construction for the bridge portion should start in the next week or two. Council requested the tapes of the last meeting be reviewed as to what was said by the contractor about inflated costs of the asphalt into next year and passing the costs to the City.

The estimate for the temporary bridge is now being estimated at \$100,000 to \$105,000. The increase from the \$85,000 is due to additional costs to the preliminary estimate that was given.

Brent Renfrow thinks the permits could be amended to include the temporary bridge.

Councilmember Huber talked to Janae Holmquist's office to see if there are any strings attached to the \$300,000 that the City is receiving from WS DOT and to see if we can use part of it for the temporary bridge. The other option would be to request COG money from the County. The majority of the expense of the temporary bridge is not crossing the water but creating the temporary road which is \$60,000 to \$80,000 of the cost.

The total shortfall right now for the complete bridge/road project is \$587,476. The irrigation shortfall portion is \$361,408. Gray and Osborne applied for a federal funding program with the Fisheries Restoration and Irrigation Mitigation Program to help with this shortfall.

**Public Works Lead Bosch** – The WWTP contractor left some scraps of wood for Cecil. Cecil will clean up the pile using what he can.

Public Works Lead Bosch is requesting to increase the school zone to include Spokane and Okanogan. The school might have to be the one to initiate this request.

The cost to fix the sand truck is \$800. Council agreed to put this into the budget for next year if there isn't any money for this year.

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He also wanted to know if the inside door at the Community Hall should be replaced this year. Councilmember Huber will check with her husband to see if there is anything he could contribute to this project.

The city currently does not have an ordinance for trimming trees. Lisa Parks explained the new zoning code includes a clear view triangle area that requires the landowner to keep these areas clear of shrubbery.

Kittitas PUD wants to run a power line to Farmview.

Some other counties require dust abatement to be done at the land owner's expense.

The proposed sign for in front of the Community Hall was displayed. Council agreed they would rather see the City logo on it rather than "Library" and "Municipal Court".

**Police Department** – The Police Department received a \$4,800 grant for two new computers and a taser.

Sunnyside has a gang ordinance and Chief Studer will look into it.

**Treasurer's Report** – see handout

**Delinquent Report** – see handout

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Hearing Examiner Rules of Procedure** – Councilmember Camarata moved to adopt these Rules of Procedure and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**END OF TAPE 1 SIDE 2**

**Kevin Guest** – There was discussion on a letter Kittitas Development Group sent to the City. They are requesting giving land in place of paying water rights to the City for Cole's Crossing II. Lisa Parks suggested we have our attorney give her interpretation of this transaction. Lisa Parks was asked to call our attorney to get the legal opinion.

**Councilmember Gilmour** – The cost of ceiling insulation would be approximately \$2,000 for the Community Hall.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**Ordinance 07-016 – 2007 Budget Amendments** – The public hearing was opened. The public hearing was closed and Councilmember Gay moved to approve this ordinance and Councilmember Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 5 yes and 0 no.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT**

**Approval of Bills** – Checks #12045 to #12080 and #778071 to #778072 for \$35,635.51 were moved to be approved by Councilmember Huber and seconded by Councilmember Gay. The motion passed 4 yes and Councilmember Gilmour voting no. Check #12059 was voided.

**MAYORS REPORT**

**Meeting Time Change** – Council agreed to keep the Council meetings at 7:00 p.m.

**Park Rules** – Council agreed to not charge for use of the Gazebo.

**STP Funds Discontinued** – These funds will now be allocated by the County to the various cities based on the application each City submits.

**WWTP Operator Howard Vacation Time Leave** – The Mayor announced he has approved Cecil Howard's carry-over vacation leave time to 2008.

**Mayor** – Mayor Cousart requested to work mainly out of his home due to his sick wife. He will be available by phone. Council agreed.

**Fire Department Grant** – Council agreed to have a workshop with Cal Jordan at the next meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**Councilmember Camarata** – Suggests we keep an eye on the potable well issue the County is having.

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Huber moved to adjourn the September 25, 2007, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sorenson. The motion passed 5 yes 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Attest: Robert E Cousart

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Clerk/Treasurer

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