CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting February 20, 2001
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 102 North Pearl Street

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Barry, Bassett, Bennett, Brown, Collins, and Mayor Perrie.

Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Attorney Pidduck, City Clerk Reno, Senior Planner Caspar, Community Development Director Witkowski, Public Works Director Akers, Senior Planner Smith, Parks and Recreation Director Archer, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Daily Record Reporter Halliday, and approximately 11 members of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Perrie read a proclamation for “Read Across America Day” on March 2, 2001.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Bennett

Affirmed

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda with addition of letter of resignation received from Councilmember Bennett Parsel as Item 6.D. Affirmed

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the Consent Agenda were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were enacted by one motion with separate discussion to the extent any items were removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.

Approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Barry

A. Approve Minutes - February 5, 2001, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Library Board - January 9, 2001

Approve Closure of Berry Road on March 31, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. for the Yakima River Canyon Marathon
D. Accept Bid Call 2000-01 - Youth Center Remodel Project as Complete

E. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Services

Approve Library Services Technology Act Grant Application for Library

Approve February 20, 2001 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 47014 Through 47251 in the Total Amount of $1,537,748.70 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 38907 Through 39299 in the Total Amount of $653,385.56. Affirmed

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Perrie recommended the following appointments to boards and commissions:

Alycia Andress, Cable T.V. Commission; Ron Breckon, Parks and Recreation Commission; Evelyn McClure, Seth McGehee, Eleanor Rogers, and J. Joy Thomas, Senior Citizen’s Advisory Commission; and Brian Whiting, Landmarks and Design Commission.

Confirm Mayor’s Appointments. Bassett

Affirmed

LETTER FROM BYRON THOMAS RE: PARKING DOWNTOWN

Council acknowledged the letter from Byron Thomas regarding a proposed change in parking from a 24-hour period to four hours during the business day from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for several blocks surrounding his business, which is located at the northeast corner of Second Avenue and Ruby Street.

Do not establish a public hearing for this requested parking change and ask property Bennett owner to consider other options. Affirmed

LETTER FROM ROY MORRISON RE: SUGGESTED TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS

Council acknowledged the letter from Roy Morrison regarding suggestions for additional changes and possible plans for improvement to handle the increase in population and the resulting vehicle and pedestrian traffic. Council authorized the City Manager to send a letter to Mr. Morrison thanking him for his input.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM COUNCILMEMBER PARSEL

Marla Parsel submitted a letter of resignation from the City Council effective February 15, 2001. She
is in the process of moving outside the City limits and no longer will qualify as a council member.

Accept letter of resignation from Marla Parsel with regret. Bassett

Affirmed

The application period for a new council member will be until March 14 and introductions Barry

will take place on March 19.

Motion withdrawn.

The application period will be until March 23 and introductions will take place on Bennett

April 2 and the advertisement will be the same as last time. Affirmed

**CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES**

Jeff Watson stated the City should look into designing a Web Page as soon as possible.

**PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE - AMENDMENTS TO SUBDIVISION CODE**

Mayor Perrie opened the public hearing for proposed amendments to the Subdivision Code. The Association of Washington Cities recently performed a review of the City’s Subdivision Code and offered recommendations as to amendments that were either required due to changes in state law or optional in order to clarify and simplify the Subdivision Code. Staff has prepared amendments to address many of the recommended changes which are included in the proposed ordinance.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Perrie closed the public hearing.

Continue public hearing until completion of development standards and consolidation Bennett

language and make available to interested boards and commissions and citizens. Affirmed

**PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE - AMENDMENTS TO SEPA CODE** Mayor Perrie opened the public hearing for proposed amendments to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Code. The Association of Washington Cities also reviewed the City’s SEPA Code and recommended amendments. The proposed amendments are designed to assure compliance with state law and make the SEPA Code more compatible with other sections of the City Code.

Jack Piper, 300 East Helena, Ellensburg, stated he has a concern with the same individual reviewing both the SEPA and subdivision applications and believes this might violate the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Perrie closed the public hearing.
Continue public hearing until April 2 to allow staff time to review public comments Barry
and receive confirmation from the City Attorney that all necessary changes have been
made. Affirmed

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE - AMENDMENTS TO INDUSTRIAL HEAVY (I-H)
AND INDUSTRIAL LIGHT (I-L) ZONES

Mayor Perrie opened the public hearing for proposed amendments to the Industrial Heavy (I-H) and
Industrial Light (I-L) Zones. The City received a request from Robert Terrell requesting to amend the
I-H zone to permit retail sales in that zone. Mr. Terrell recently constructed a building in the I-H zone
and was considering prospective tenants whose business activity included retail sales.

Jeff Watson, 103 South Walnut, Ellensburg, stated he is in favor of the zone change and would
support this change for his own business.

Robert Terrell, 7120 Hanson Road, stated he is in favor of the zone change request.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Perrie closed the public hearing.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4271. Bassett

An ordinance relating to zoning and amending Title 13 of the Ellensburg City Code by adding specific
language to permit associated retail sales within the Industrial Light (I-L) zone, section 13.30.04 and
Industrial Heavy (I-H) zone, section 13.32.04. Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-05 - SURPLUS AMBULANCE

The proposed resolution declares the 1990 Cayle-Craft ambulance surplus to the City’s needs and
authorizes the City to sell it to Kittitas County Fire District #4 at Vantage for one dollar. Fire District
#4 will provide mutual aid to the Ellensburg Fire Department in the Vantage area as well as help in
times of need in the City’s other response areas.

Adopt Resolution No. 2001-05. Bassett

A RESOLUTION relating to the declaration of surplus property of the City of Ellensburg.

Affirmed (Bennett-no)

CENTRAL WASHINGTON PARK FOUNDATION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR BOUNDARY
SURVEY SERVICES

The proposed agreement documents the understanding that exists between the Central Washington
Park Foundation (CWPF) and the City relating to expansion of park facilities on the Williams property.
Also proposed is a contract with Cruse and Nelson Professional Surveyors for boundary services to
begin implementation of the City’s commitment to the project.

Dale Jurgens, Central Washington Park Foundation, stated this is a satisfactory agreement.

Authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding with the Central Washington Barry

Park Foundation and authorize Mayor to execute the professional survey contract with Cruse and Nelson Professional Surveyors. Affirmed

NAMING OF CITY’S NEW YOUTH BUILDING

At the January 16, 2001 meeting, Council directed staff to seek input from the youth unlimited participants regarding the selection of an official name for the City’s new youth building. The recommendations for an official name from the youth participants are Ellensburg Youth and Community Center, Ellensburg Community and Youth Center, Ellensburg Youth Unlimited Center, and “Big Blue” Youth Center.

Adopt the name of Ellensburg Youth and Community Center as official building name. Bennett

Affirmed

AWARD BID CALL 2001-01 - REGENERATIVE AIR STREET SWEEPER

Bids were solicited for the replacement of the Street Division’s current Elgin Crosswind GE Regenerative Air Street Sweeper. Bids were opened on February 5, 2001 and are below the budgeted amount of $145,000. Staff reviewed the bids and recommends Council award the bid to Enviro-Clean Equipment, Inc. for the Schwartz A7000 in the amount of $139,069.78. The Elgin Crosswind J was the low bid at $134,183.43, but does not comply with 35 of the required specifications issued in the bid documents.

Award bid to Enviro-Clean Equipment, Inc. for the total amount of $139,069.78. Bennett

Affirmed

ELECTRIC VEHICLE LEASE

Council approved funding in the 2000 and 2001 Budgets for the Energy Services Light Division to lease an electric vehicle. Due to a battery manufacturing delay, delivery of the vehicle was delayed until December 2000. When contacted by the dealer for delivery, staff was directed by Council to not follow through with the lease agreement. Availability of a replacement electric vehicle is unknown. Councilmember Bassett asked that this issue be placed on the agenda for further discussion.

Jeff Watson made a presentation to Council which emphasized facts on the real cost of gas engines and the environmental, health, and social costs of gasoline. He encouraged Council to look at an electric vehicle and to research it further for next year’s budget. He offered to assist in the research
Send a memo to the Environmental Commission asking if the Commission would be Bassett interested in looking into alternative programs the City may enter into to promote benefits to the City.

Motion died for lack of a second.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Future Meeting - Public Facility Needs**

There has been some informal discussion regarding the possibility of a joint meeting between the City, County, School District, and perhaps others, to look at time lines for major capital needs.

Direct staff to work on community capital planning discussion forum. Barry

Affirmed

**Farmer’s Market**

The Farmer’s Market is interested in moving their operation from Washington School to the core of downtown and has asked that the City work with them to facilitate this move. Council is supportive of this.

**City Council/Staff Planning Retreat**

At the February 9, 2001 Retreat, several dates were tentatively set for work sessions.

Approve the following schedule for special meetings: Bennett

February 26, 2001 - Gambling Tax, Traffic Impact Fees, Revenue Sources

March 12, 2001 - Water Issues

March 26, 2001 - John Wayne Trail Reconnection and Recreation Fees

April 9, 2001 - Williams Property Project

April 23, 2001 - City Hall Site Selection Preliminary Feasibility Study

April 30, 2001 - Community Capital Planning Discussion Affirmed

**COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Tri-County Water Resource Agency Memorandum of Understanding
The Tri-County Water Resource Agency is asking for a letter of support from the City for the Memorandum of Agreement between the Tri-County Water Resource Agency and Washington State Department of Ecology.

Authorize Mayor to sign letter of support for Tri-County Water Resource Agency. Barry

Affirmed

AWC Legislative Conference

Councilmember Bassett and City Manager Barkley attended the Association of Washington Cities Legislative Conference last week in Olympia.

KITTCOM Meeting

Councilmember Bennett reported on the last KITTCOM meeting.

Law & Justice Council

Councilmember Brown stated the Law and Justice Council has changed the meeting date to the third Wednesday of the month.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Councilmember Brown stated the Committee is looking at the possibility of providing portable bathrooms downtown.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss a real estate transaction for approximately 15 minutes. Council expected to reconvene to take action.

Council did not reconvene to take action.

Adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Barry

Affirmed

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk