CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session

Date of Meeting October 8, 2001
Time of Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 102 North Pearl Street

Councilmembers Present: Barry, Bassett, Bennett, Collins, and Mayor Perrie.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Carpenter; Budget and Accounting Supervisor Snider; Fire Chief Schmidt; Assistant Fire Chief Elliott; Police Chief Richey; Daily Record Reporter Muir and two members of the audience.

ORDINANCE NO. 4296 - AIRPORT OVERLAY ZONE

A set of amendments is proposed for the Airport Overlay Zone Ordinance. During discussions with staff and Steve Willard, the amendment language shown in Table 1 of the proposed ordinance was developed as a means of addressing Mr. Willard’s concerns with the ordinance. Mr. Willard has agreed that if the proposed amendments are approved by Council, he will withdraw his current SEPA appeal to the City’s Hearing Examiner, as well as refrain from any other legal challenge to the adoption of the ordinance.

Paul Bennett, Kittitas County Public Works Director expressed concern that this exception in the Airport Zone 3 (Inner Turning Zone) could lead to pressure for additional requests for higher residential densities in the future in other portions of the Inner Turning Zone in locations which are much closer to the airport runways and other protected airport zones.

Councilmember Sowards arrived at 6:58 p.m.

Amend Ordinance No. 4296 as shown on Table 1 on Page 14 of the Council Agenda. Bennett

Affirmed

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4296 as amended. Barry


FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Fire Chief Elliott reviewed the proposed 2002 budget for the Fire Department. The overtime amount has increased due to the 29 percent increase in calls for service experienced this year.
Revenue from emergency medical services is projected to be $64,000 less than this year. This is due to regulatory changes slated to be effective January 1, 2002, that have reduced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid patients. Also, training has been increased.

Capital requests include: 12 Lead defibrillator, medic unit seat install, fire equipment upgrades, intercom system for fire engine, and computer hardware upgrade.

Council requested a map showing the locations of the increased calls. Assistant Fire Chief Elliott stated most of the calls have been transfers from Kittitas Valley Community Hospital.

POLICE

Police Chief Richey reviewed the 2002 preliminary budget for the Police Department. The $8,000 funding for DUI Cities has been taken out of the budget since it was printed. Staff is currently negotiating with Kittitas County for animal control fees. The projected amount is $45,000 which is based on a flat $60 per animal. The part-time evidence room technician position has been eliminated. There is no increase in jail services rates.

Capital requests include: replacement computers, patrol car replacements, staff car replacement (3), replacement of ballistic vests, replacement of firearms, patrol dog, and evidence barcode inventory control.

Council requested that $15,000 total be allocated for training a patrol dog.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Collins

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk