CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting October 15, 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, Collins, Sowards, and Mayor Perrie.

Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Attorney Pidduck, City Clerk Reno, Public Works Director Akers, Finance Director Carpenter, Senior Planner Smith, Energy Services Director Titus, Parks and Recreation Director Archer, Community Development Director Witkowski, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Daily Record Reporter Muir and approximately 10 members of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS

Councilmember Bassett read the proclamation for Washington Service Corps/Americorps Day.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Bassett

Affirmed

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda with Item 5.I - Request from Children’s Activity Museum for Donation Barry

of Pool Rental moved to 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 - October 1, 2001, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Parks and Recreation Commission - July 16, 2001

(2) Parks and Recreation Commission - August 22, 2001

(3) Downtown Task Force - September 14, 2001
I. Award Bid Call 2001-35 - Official Newspaper Contract to Daily Record

II. Accept Letter of Resignation from Lynn Whitacre, Environmental Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

III. Award Bid Call 2001-36 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Aerators to USFilter Aerator Products (Option 1)

IV. Reject Bids for Bid Call 2001-34 - Seattle Avenue Regulator Station Building

V. Authorize Acceptance of $1,000 Donation from Pautzke Bait Company

VI. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with State Department of Transportation for Umptanum Road Rail Crossing Signals

VII. Approve Requests from Hospice Friends for “Tree of Love” Project from December 7, 2001 Through January 2, 2002

VIII. Approve Request from Children’s Activity Museum for Noise Ordinance Waiver on October 27, 2001 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds for Dinner/Auction

IX. Approve Request from David Carlson for Noise Ordinance Waiver on April 20, 2002 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at Fairgrounds for Banquet and Auction

X. Authorize Acceptance of the City’s Portion of a Traffic Safety Enforcement Emphasis Patrols Grant in the Amount of $2,000

XI. Authorize Acceptance of a Washington State Traffic Safety Commission Grant for Four Radars for the Police Department

XII. Approve Closure of Pine Street Between Fourth and Fifth Avenues on October 21, 2001 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for Independent Short Film

XIII. Approve Pool Facility Use Agreement with Ellensburg Area Swim Team
XIV. Approve Pool Facility Use Agreement with The Little Valley School

XV.

XVI. Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Sign Amendment A-2001 to the Public Works Agreement Between the City and General Teamsters Local No. 524

XVII. Accept Letter of Resignation from Alix Drake-Williams, Arts Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

XVIII. Approve October 15, 2001 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 50654 Through 50882 in the Total Amount of $1,045,765.47 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 42183 through 42602 in the Total Amount of $633,079.71. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Mayor Perrie recommended Pat Stanton and Councilmembers Ron Bennett and Margaret Sowards be appointed to the Energy Advisory Committee.

Confirm Mayor’s appointments. Barry

Affirmed

INTEREST IN WILLIAMS PROPERTY FROM DORIS MORGAN

Doris Morgan owns property adjacent to the City-owned “Williams Property”. Ms. Morgan is interested in acquiring two parts of the “Williams Property” from the City including the ponds and the barn and loafing shed. Staff recommends against this proposal. Staff is not insensitive to Ms. Morgan’s concerns and will endeavor to ensure that the City and its property uses are as compatible as reasonable.

Decline Ms. Morgan’s offer to swap or purchase property from the City. Barry

Affirmed

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FOR VETERAN’S DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2001

The Ellensburg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 683 is requesting closure of Pine and Pearl Streets, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Avenues on November 10, 2001 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a Veteran’s Day Parade. Wally Dillon stated the VFW will be receiving a certificate of insurance from the Association of Washington Cities for the parade.

Authorize street closure request for Veteran’s Day Parade on November 10. Bassett
REQUEST FROM CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY MUSEUM FOR DONATION OF POOL RENTAL

The Children's Activity Museum is requesting a donation from the City of a pool rental valued at $53.00 for the dinner/auction fundraiser.

Approve pool rental donation of $53.00 for Children's Activity Museum dinner/auction Bennett fundraiser. Affirmed

Council requested staff develop a policy for use of City facilities for no charge or a reduced fee for non-profit groups.

ORDINANCE NO. 4296 - AIRPORT OVERLAY ZONE

Council approved several amendments to the Airport Overlay Zone Ordinance at the October 8, 2001 meeting and approved second reading of the amended ordinance. Steve Willard has withdrawn his SEPA appeal by writing to the Hearings Examiner.

Adopt Ordinance No. 4296. Barry

Barry
Bassett (abstain)
Bennett
Collins
Sowards
Perrie

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4297 - ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS

The bond ordinance, as prepared by the City’s bond counsel, authorizes the issuance and sale of Electric Revenue Bonds to provide funds for capital expenditures and rate mitigation. The proposal is to issue $2.5 million of bonds for capital expenditures and $1.46 million for rate mitigation. The ordinance received first reading on September 4, 2001.

Amend Ordinance No. 4297 by substituting the copy handed out tonight by bond Sowards counsel for the copy provided in the agenda. Also amend page 16 of the ordinance handed out tonight to change amounts in Section 14 from $250,000 and $147,500 to $201,696 and $146,000. Affirmed
Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4297. Sowards

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, relating to the electric utility of the City; specifying, adopting and ordering the carrying out of a capital construction plan; providing for the issuance of $2,500,000 par value Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A (Tax-Exempt), to provide funds with which to pay costs of the City’s capital construction plan, and providing for the issuance of $1,460,000 par value Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B (Taxable), to provide funds with which to capitalize a rate stabilization fund; making provision to pay the costs of issuance and sale of such bonds and to pay the cost of capitalizing a reserve for the bonds; fixing the date, form, maturities, interest rates, terms and covenants of the bonds; establishing a bond redemption fund and other appropriate funds; providing for bond insurance; and approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds to Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation of Seattle, Washington. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4297. Sowards

Barry

Bassett

Bennett

Collins

Sowards

Perrie

Motion approved.

Authorize Mayor to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement. Sowards

Affirmed

Council took a brief recess at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 4300 - ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

Ordinance No. 4300, which proposes an amendment to the review process for changes to the Zoning Ordinance, was given first reading at the October 1, 2001 meeting. Council directed that amending language as requested by the Planning Commission be prepared for consideration.

Approve amending language as shown on Page 128 of the Council Agenda. Barry

Affirmed
**Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4300.** Barry


Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4300. Collins

Barry

Bassett

Bennett

Collins

Sowards

Perrie

Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4301 - STATE ROUTE 97 ACCESS CONTROL AND SPEED LIMIT REVISIONS**

In concurrence with Washington State Department of Transportation recommendations, new language has been prepared which will adopt access standards for SR 97 through the City limits and reduce the speed limit to 40 miles per hour. Ordinance No. 4301 was given first reading at the October 1, 2001 meeting.

**Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4301.** Barry

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 4.40 “Access Standards for State Highways” and amending Section 4.40.04; and Chapter 8.42 “Speed Limits” and amending Section 8.42.02. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4301. Barry

Barry

Bassett

Bennett

Collins
ORDINANCE NO. 4302 - SECURITY BARS ON DOORS AND WINDOWS

The proposed ordinance requires that the installation of security bars be made in the interior of all buildings within the city. Ordinance No. 4302 was given first reading at the October 1, 2001 meeting.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4302. Bennett

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Section 3.01.08 of Chapter 3.01 entitled “Construction Codes” and amending said section to add language relating to the installation of security bars and other devices on buildings within the City of Ellensburg. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4302. Bennett

Barry

Bassett

Bennett

Collins

Sowards

Perrie

Motion approved.

PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

The proposed ordinance reflects Council’s direction as to those proposed amendments Council has deemed are ready for adoption following a public hearing on October 1, 2001.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4303. Bassett

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to planning and amending the comprehensive plan adopted by Ordinance No. 3997 as last amended by Ordinance No. 4259 and set out in Chapter 3.32 of the Ellensburg City Code. Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-18 - LIBRARY SURPLUS PROPERTY
The proposed resolution declares as surplus those books and materials discarded from the Library inventory in 2001. The Library will sell these items at a publicly advertised sale conducted by the Friends of the Library on October 19 and 20 in the Hal Holmes Center.

Adopt Resolution No. 2001-18. Bassett

A resolution relating to the declaration of surplus Library personal property of the City of Ellensburg. Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-19 - ENERGY SERVICES CONSERVATION AND LOAD REDUCTION PLAN

With electricity costs high and wholesale supplies low, customers face the prospect of much higher utility bills and the possibility of brownouts or blackouts in the future. The best way to avoid higher bills and brownouts and blackouts is to have all the City’s customers conserve or switch to natural gas. The proposed Energy Services Conservation and Load Reduction Plan outlines the programs the City could offer.


A resolution approving the City of Ellensburg’s Conservation and Load Reduction Plan and authorizing the Energy Services Director to implement programs offered through the Plan.

Affirmed

AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOR POWER SALES

The proposed amendment to the agreement between Central Washington University (CWU) and the City would provide for an adjustment in the billing process so that CWU sees a 10 percent increase in electricity costs like other City customers.

Authorize Mayor to sign amendment to CWU Power Sales Agreement. Barry

Affirmed

JOHN WAYNE TRAIL RECONNECTION STUDY FINAL REPORT

John Barker, Barker Landscape Architects presented a summary of the final report for the John Wayne Trail Reconnection Study. As a result of the study to reconnect the Ellensburg link to the cross-state trail system, a dual opportunity has emerged that could greatly enhance the availability of access to non-motorized trails as follow: 1) Reconnection and improved local access to the John Wayne Trail/Iron Horse State Park trail system. 2) The vision of creating a local six-mile, non-motorized trail loop. This local "greenway" would provide an excellent recreation resource for residents of our community. Adoption of the final report does not commit the City to providing any
specific funding for the project. It does commit the City to retaining lead agency status in what will be a multi-agency effort. As the lead agency, the City will have greater ability to maintain local control in the management of the project. Formal adoption of this final report will allow the City to begin pursuing outside funding sources for right-of-way acquisition.

Approve and adopt the John Wayne Pioneer Trail Reconnection Study Final Report. Collins

Affirmed

EASTERN WASHINGTON WATER ALLIANCE AGREEMENT

The letter to the Mayor in the agenda describes activities of the Eastern Washington Water Alliance and requests Council’s participation in the alliance by executing an interlocal agreement.

Authorize Mayor to sign agreement on the City’s behalf subject to inclusion of Barry Ellensberg as a ratifying agency in Section 10 of the agreement. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Set Public Hearings

Set public hearings on November 5, 2001 for the Property Tax Levy Ordinance and Bennett

November 19, 2001 for the 2002 Budget. Affirmed

Kittitas Valley Junior Soccer Association (KVJSA) Request for Letter of Support

The Kittitas Valley Junior Soccer Association is ready to move forward in planning and fundraising related to the development of soccer facilities at West Ellensburg/Central Washington Park. In order to be considered for various grant funding sources, they require a letter of commitment from the City to site soccer facilities in West Ellensburg/Central Washington Park.

Staff provide a letter of support and commitment to KVJSA. Barry

Affirmed

Central Washington University (CWU) Continuing Education/Community Technology Center Grant

The City has received notification that the Central Washington University Department of Continuing Education has been awarded a U.S. Department of Education grant totaling $283,971 to develop a county wide Community Technology Center (CTC) Program. The City Parks and Recreation Department is listed as one of several partner agencies in this program. As an agency partner in this program, the City will accommodate the placement of four fully equipped computer
stations in the multi-purpose/tutoring room at the Youth and Community Center. There is no financial commitment required for the City’s participation in the program. What is required of the City is the use of existing department staff and volunteer time, existing building space and infrastructure to be leveraged as in-kind contributions and matches for the grant.

Approve the City’s participation in CWU Continuing Education/Community Barry Technology Center Grant. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Airport Strategic Plan

Councilmember Barry attended the meeting for the Airport Strategic Plan.

Fire Department Open House

Councilmember Bassett attended the Fire Department Open House.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Barry

Affirmed

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk