CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting February 19, 2002
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 102 North Pearl Street

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Barry, Collins, Perrie, Savidge, Sowards, and Mayor Bassett.

Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Attorney Pidduck, City Clerk Reno, Community Development Director Witkowski, Public Works Director Akers, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Daily Record Reporter Muir and five members of the audience.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda. Barry

Affirmed

Councilmember Lillquist arrived at the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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 4, 2002, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
   (1) Environmental Commission - January 16, 2002
   (2) Cable T.V. Commission - January 16, 2002
   (3) Arts Commission - January 29, 2002
   (4) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - February 6, 2002
   (5) Board of Adjustment - February 7, 2002

Accept Bid Call 2001-28 - Underground Electrical Distribution Project as Complete
Authorize Mayor to Sign Release of Easement at Stonebridge Plat

Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Kittitas County for Public Works Projects

Approve Closure of Berry Road East of Canyon Road for Yakima River Canyon Marathon from 7:00 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. on April 6, 2002

Approve use of Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park on March 16 and June 22 and 23, 2002 for R/C Unlimiteds Club Hydroplane Test Session and Race

Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment to Load Reduction Agreement (Fuel Switching) with Bonneville Power Administration

Approve Library Application to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Authorize Director and Board Chair to Sign Agreement

Award Bid Call 2002-07 - Backhoe/Loader to Smith Tractor & Equipment and Approve John Deer 310C Backhoe for Trade-in

Approve February 19, 2002 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 52432 Through 52650 in the Total Amount of $1,074,824.18 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 43843 Through 44237 in the Total Amount of $663,634.88. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Bassett recommended the following appointments to boards and commissions: Dave Burfeind and Constance Wanechek, Parks and Recreation Commission; James Gigstead, Building Appeals Board and Board of Adjustment; Leah McCoy, Downtown Task Force; and David Miller, Planning Commission.

Confirm Mayor’s appointments. Perrie

Affirmed

LETTER FROM TORREY WING RE: SEPA REVIEW FOR CWU MUSIC BUILDING

Torrey Wing was present to discuss his letter regarding the SEPA review for the proposed Central Washington University (CWU) Music Building. The neighbors are concerned with parking and are requesting an amendment to the Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) Code to include the parking areas on the east side of Alder Street from 10th Avenue to 14th Avenue.

Ask staff to bring back an ordinance at the next meeting with a recommendation Perrie

as to the area to be included in an RPZ extension. Affirmed
LETTER FROM HISTORIC ELLENSBURG RE: WASHINGTON SCHOOL/CITY HALL

A letter was received from Historic Ellensburg that confirms they are extremely supportive of the purchase of the historic Washington School for use as the new City Hall. However, they are concerned that proper consideration be given to the character of the historic neighborhood surrounding the school.

City Manager Barkley stated he met with Fennelle Miller, representing Historic Ellensburg and assured her that the City has an interest in preserving the historic character of the area.

No action was required to be taken.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Jack Horsley spoke about the Residential Parking Zone near the CWU Conference Center. He has seen the same vehicle ticketed on a daily basis. He would recommend that if two tickets are received in an academic quarter that instead of a third ticket the vehicle is towed.

PUBLIC HEARING - OLD HOSPITAL ZONE CHANGE (CONTINUED)

Councilmember Lillquist recused herself from the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Community Development Director Witkowski summarized the agenda report. The City Council continued the public hearing to consider the request for a zone change from Fritz Glover and Mollie Edson for the Old Hospital building located at 814 East Third Avenue to tonight. The continuance was for the purpose of allowing a SEPA appeal to the project to be completed. The SEPA appeal was dismissed by the Hearings Examiner based upon his conclusion that he did not have jurisdiction in the matter. Subsequent to the Hearings Examiner's decision, the SEPA responsible official withdrew the original Mitigated DNS threshold decision and issued a revised threshold determination that removed the original mitigation that a minimum of 18 parking spaces be improved. That subsequent SEPA decision was also appealed today and will be heard by the City Council in conjunction with the zoning public hearing.

Continue public hearing on Old Hospital Zone Change to March 4, 2002. Perrie

Affirmed

Councilmember Lillquist returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED ORDINANCE - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (LID) 2002-1 - THIRD AVENUE AND PINE STREET

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing to consider LID 2002-1.

Public Works Director Akers summarized the agenda report. The proposed ordinance establishes an
LID for improvements on the south side of Third Avenue from Pearl Street to Pine Street, and on a portion of the west side of Pine Street from Third Avenue to a point 180' south. An adjacent property owner on the northwest corner of Pine Street and Second Avenue recently approached the City to possibly include his property in the District if the City is capable of offering him a low interest rate. If staff can come to an agreement with the adjacent property owner, the Council may be asked to expand the District's boundaries at second reading of the ordinance.

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

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4315. Sowards**

AN ORDINANCE ordering certain street, sidewalk, lighting, street tree and related improvements on a portion of Third Avenue and Pine Street, in the City of Ellensburg Washington, in accordance with City Council Resolution No. 2002-03; establishing Local Improvement District No. 2002-1; providing that payment for the improvements will be made by special assessment upon benefitted property within the District; providing for interim financing and for the sale of local improvement district bonds or notes. Affirmed

**PUBLIC HEARING - STEVE WILLARD PLAT - WEST OF ALDER STREET EXTENSION**

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing to consider a request from Steve Willard for a plat of 34 lots located just west of the Alder Street extension. The property is zoned Residential Suburban (R-S).

Community Development Director Witkowski reviewed the agenda report.

Steve Willard, 1701 E. Sanders Road, stated he intends to meet all of the City Codes and follow the recommendations made by staff. He has requested to dedicate Lot 2 as a park site in lieu of park impact fees. The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to complete the Parks Comprehensive Plan before approving a dedication. If approved, the dedication would occur at the time of building permit issuance. Mr. Willard requested Council approve the preliminary plat.

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

Approve preliminary plat of Lot 4 of the TR1 Short Plat with the following Sowards requirements:

The applicant will meet the requirements in the Public Works memorandum.

The applicant will work with the Fire Department to meet its requirements for hydrants and street renaming.

The applicant will work with the Cascade Irrigation District to insure that all of its requirements have been met.
The applicant will place on the face of the plat signature blocks for the following: City Engineer, Community Development Director, Cascade Irrigation District, County Treasurer, and County Auditor.

The applicant will indicate on the face of the plat all required utility easements.

The applicant will place a fifteen-foot access easement between lots eight and nine.

The Council approves a deferral of street and utility construction of those improvements in the unnamed street on the north boundary of the plat, subject to a public improvements agreement being signed by the applicant. Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4314 - REVISE FEES FOR BUILDING AND PLUMBING PERMITS AND APPEALS TO HEARINGS EXAMINER**

The proposed ordinance establishes a master plan review fee, revises the fees for appeals to the Hearings Examiner, and eliminates confusing repetitions in the City Code of current fees under the building and plumbing codes. Ordinance No. 4314 was given first reading at the February 4, 2002 meeting.

**Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4314.** Barry

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to fees charged for certain building permits; plumbing permits; and appeals to the City’s Hearings Examiner to revise said fees. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4314. Barry

Barry

Collins

Lillquist

Perrie

Savidge

Sowards

Bassett

Motion approved.

**Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) Fines**

Council requested Staff prepare proposed ordinance language at the next meeting for RPZ
progressive fines.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Street Light Banners**

Several requests have been received over the past year or so to provide space for banners on street lights at the entrances to Ellensburg. Banner brackets would be installed on street lights to display 24” x 72” banners.

Refer matter to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee for consideration. Perrie

Affirmed

**Storm Drain Repair**

During a routine annual inspection, the Ellensburg Water Company identified a problem with a City storm drain crossing their ditch system. The drain is a fairly elaborate siphon and repair was not anticipated in the 2002 Budget. Staff proposes to complete the work with city forces and contract labor, and anticipates an expenditure of approximately $20,000 for the repair. Sufficient cash reserve exists in the sewer division, however, a supplemental budget appropriation will be necessary when Council considers second quarter supplemental budget requests.

Approve expenditure up to $20,000 to fix storm drain utilizing utility reserves. Collins

Affirmed

**Dates for Study Sessions**

Reschedule dogs off-leash issue from March 4, 2002 to March 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Barry

Affirmed

A Study Session was also scheduled for capital planning and library expansion on March 25, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

Allow City Manager to miss August 19, 2002 meeting for vacation. Savidge

Affirmed

**COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**

**Tri-County Water Resource Agency**

Councilmember Lillquist will be attending a Tri-County Water Resource Agency meeting on February 28, 2002.
Kittitas County Action Council (KCAC) Board Meeting

Councilmember Savidge attended a KCAC Board meeting. They are still searching for a new director.

KITTCOM Meeting

Councilmember Sowards reported on the last KITTCOM meeting at which they approved the final expenditure for the Simulcast System.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations for approximately 20 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Sowards

Affirmed

Mayor

Attest: