CITY OF ELLENSBURG                  Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting                     May 6, 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, Lillquist, Perrie, Savidge, Sowards, and Mayor Bassett.

Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Attorney Pidduck, City Clerk Reno, Community Development Director Witkowski, Associate Planner Eyerly, Police Chief Richey, Fire Chief Schmidt, Parks and Recreation Director Archer, Youth Program Coordinator Spence, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Daily Record Reporter Muir and approximately 11 members of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Bassett read the proclamation for National Hospital Week.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Barry

Affirmed

Mayor Bassett read the proclamation for National Historic Preservation Week.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Barry

Affirmed

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Parks and Recreation Director Archer introduced Stu Spence, Youth Program Coordinator.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda. Barry

Amend April 22, 2002 Council Minutes on Page 5 of Agenda to correct Dorian Baxter Barry which should be Dorian Dexter. 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: Sowards

1. Approve Minutes - April 15, 2002, Regular Session

Approve Minutes - April 22, 2002, Special Session

2. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(a) Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission - March 27, 2002

(b) Landmarks & Design Commission - April 2, 2002

(c) Library Board - April 9, 2002

(d) Energy Advisory Committee - April 18, 2002

(e) Senior Citizens Advisory Commission - April 18, 2002

(f) Planning Commission - April 25, 2002

3. Award Bid Call 2002-17 - East Ellensburg Substation Control House to Belsaas & Smith Construction Co.

4. Award Bid Call 2002-22 - Youth Center Parking Lot to Superior Asphalt/Paving Co.

5. Approve Requests from Ellensburg Rodeo Association for Labor Day Weekend August 29, 2002 through September 3, 2002

6. Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract with The Lewis Architects for Library Expansion Project Upon Approval by Hal Holmes Trustee

7. Authorize Energy Services Staff to Sign Building Conservation Loan Agreement with Bruce Magnotti

8. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Washington State Department of Transportation for Depot Acquisition

9. Accept Resignations of Steven Hydorn-Young, Downtown Task Force and Jason Smith, Planning Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letters of Appreciation

10. Authorize Mayor to Sign Street Use Permit Modification for 304 S. Water Street

11. Approve Closure of Pine St. Between Third and Fourth Avenues on 6/1/02 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Associated Requests for Gust Fest

12. Approve Noise Ordinance Waiver for Nitro Promotions June 7 and 8, 2002 until 10:00 p.m. at Kittitas County Fairgrounds for Monster Truck Show
13. Approve May 6, 2002 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 53517 Through 53805 in the Total Amount of $1,437,793.01. Affirmed

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

Eleven people have reapplied to serve on boards and commissions. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

**LETTER FROM ELIAS GARCIA RE: FOOD VENDOR IN CITY**

Elias Garcia is requesting permission to sell food in the City parks during the summer months. Council had no objections to the request.

**LETTER FROM PAT CAHILL RE: IRON HORSE TRAIL**

A letter was received from Pat Cahill in reference to creating a legacy arboretum at the Iron Horse Trailhead at Water Street.

Refer matter to Parks and Recreation Commission. Perrie

Affirmed

**LETTER FROM WALTER FARRAR RE: JOHN WAYNE PIONEER TRAILHEAD**

The letter from Walter Farrar inviting City representatives to a ground breaking ceremony for the John Wayne Pioneer Trailhead was acknowledged.

**CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES**

David Hoffman and Dustin Stahl spoke about the Residential Parking Zone (RPZ) in relation to the students who live in Muzzall Hall at the corner of Walnut Street and Seventh Avenue.

**WEST PARK PLAT – SOUTH OF HIGHWAY 97 & NORTH OF I-90 INTERCHANGE**

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing for the West Park Preliminary Plat for the creation of seven lots of record. The property is zoned Commercial Tourist.

Community Development Director Witkowski summarized the agenda report. Mr. Witkowski stated the preliminary plat complies with the requirements of Section 12.08.30 of the City Code.

Chuck Cruse, Cruse and Associates, stated he agrees with the staff report and conditions that staff has recommended.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Bassett closed the public hearing.
Approve West Park Preliminary Plat subject to: 1) Require construction or bonding Perrie for driveway/easement access points at Stations 8, 12, and 22 on State Highway 97 prior to final plat approval. The access shall be designed according to the standards included in the March 13 Public Works memo with the specific design approved by Public Works. 2) Continue in effect the language and provisions of the existing improvement deferral of street frontage improvements given for the Highway 97 frontage of Lot A. Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4318 – SPEED LIMIT AT IRENE RINEHART PARK**

The proposed ordinance would codify a 15 mph speed limit at Irene Rinehart Park.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4318.** Perrie

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to traffic speed regulations and adding a new section 8.42.04 to the Ellensburg Municipal Code. Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4319 – SWIMMING POOL RATES AND FEES AMENDMENT**

The proposed ordinance would provide that the automatic five percent annual fee increase established in the present Kittitas Valley Memorial Swimming Pool Rates and Fees ordinance be subject to rounding to the nearest five cents.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4319.** Sowards

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Kittitas Valley Memorial Swimming Pool rates and fees and amending Section 2.38.05 – “Incremental Annual Fee Increases”. Affirmed

**REFERRAL OF WEST ELLENSBURG PROPERTY REZONE FROM R-S TO I-L**

A rezone of a portion of the City’s West Ellensburg property from the current designation of Residential Suburban to Light Industrial is proposed. Staff recommends the issue be referred to the Planning Commission for review and comment during the SEPA review process. After expiration of the appeal period, staff will recommend a hearing date for early July.

**Refer rezone proposal to Planning Commission for recommendation.** Lillquist

Affirmed

**SPECIAL VALUATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO HISTORIC PROPERTY**

Associate Planner Eyerly reviewed the requirements for special valuation for improvements to
Associate Planner Eyerly reviewed the requirements for special valuation for improvements to historic property. Property owners benefit in that qualified rehabilitation costs are deducted from the assessed value of their property each year for ten years. This procedure results in lower property taxes during the ten-year period. The Landmarks and Design Commission recommends Council adopt the special valuation for improvements to historic property and designate the eligible categories as all Ellensburg landmark buildings with the exception of non-contributing buildings in the Landmark Districts.

Set public hearing date for June 17 for special valuation for improvements to historic Lillquist property.

Council discussed that staff should follow the recommendations of the Landmarks and Design Commission in designating eligible categories and bring back a recommended fee that is similar to other cities at the time of the public hearing.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

REQUEST FROM “COWS AROUND TOWN” TO DISPLAY COWS ON SIDEWALKS

“Cows Around Town” is a program designed to support local charities and increase tourism in Ellensburg. The program will place 15 cow sculptures throughout the community, each sponsored by a business and painted by a local or regional artist.

Allow display of cows on public sidewalks with condition that placement of cows is Perrie subject to the approval of appropriate City staff. Affirmed

COPS IN SCHOOLS GRANT APPLICATION

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice has announced the availability of funding in the amount of $125,000 (per officer for a three year period of time) for the Cops in Schools (CIS) Program. The COPS in Schools Program requires the City to retain the grant officers for at least one full local budget cycle following expiration of the COPS Grant funding. This would obligate the City to provide funding in the amount of $102,000 during the fourth year of the program. Other sources of funding will be explored as well.

Authorize Chief of Police to submit COPS in Schools Grant; direct Chief of Police Sowards to explore other sources of funding; delay final decision until the awarding of the grant.

Affirmed (Savidge-no)

MANAGER’S REPORT

Public Hearings
Schedule a public hearing on May 20, 2002 to declare items surplus so they may be Barry disposed of by auction or sealed bid. Affirmed

The Planning Commission has recommended amending the Commercial Highway and Commercial Tourist Zones to include business and professional offices as permitted uses.

Schedule a public hearing date of June 17, 2002 for this matter. Lillquist

Affirmed

**Euclid Way Overlay Project**

Staff is preparing bid specifications for the Euclid Way Overlay and requests Council authorize issuance of bid specifications for night work.

Staff to issue bid specifications for night work. Barry

Affirmed

**Additional Potential Historic Preservation Programs**

In addition to the special valuation for improvements to historic property program discussed earlier, there are a number of additional policies and programs Council may wish to consider to support and encourage historic preservation. One possibility is the use of some of the Community Development Block Grant Funds that have been repaid from housing loans made over the past several years by the City. One use of those funds would be to consider issuing a series of “mini grants” for the purpose of preserving and improving the facades of historic structures or projects aimed at achieving code compliance that will make historic structures more useable. Another program area to consider would be a special energy conservation program for buildings over 75 years old that contain retail and office space.

Refer these two programs to the Landmarks and Design Commission. Sowards

Affirmed

**Pay Schedule for Temporary/Part-Time Employees – Parks and Recreation**

A temporary/part-time employee classification and pay rate policy is proposed which reflects current practices. These positions will be included in future pay plan resolutions considered by Council each year.

Adopt temporary part-time employee classification and pay rate policy on Page 115 Sowards of the agenda. Affirmed
Public Hearing

Set public hearing on May 20 to declare City owned property adjacent to Schaake Savidge property as surplus. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Public Meetings and Public Disclosure

Councilmembers Barry and Collins attended a workshop last week regarding public meetings and public disclosure requirements.

Department of Ecology (DOE) Meeting

Councilmember Lillquist attended a meeting regarding Department of Ecology water quality standards.

Parking on North End of City

Councilmember Sowards asked the Police Chief to have Code Enforcement check on parking and Code violations occurring at the north end of the City.

Kittitas County Action Council (KCAC) Board

Councilmember Savidge attended two KCAC Board meetings.

Yakima Salmon Recovery Board

Councilmember Perrie reported on the Yakima Salmon Recovery Board meeting he attended. He requested an alternate be appointed to the Board. Councilmember Lillquist was appointed as an alternate.

Conference of Governments (COG)

Mayor Bassett stated that two documents have been referred to the City from COG.

Meeting with Central Washington University (CWU)

Mayor Bassett reported on a meeting he attended with CWU and City Police regarding north end issues.

Cle Elum Named as Tree City USA

Mayor Bassett requested a letter of congratulations be sent to the City of Cle Elum for being named a Tree City USA.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Barry
Affirmed

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Mayor

Attest: ________________________

City Clerk