CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting       July 15, 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, Fire Chief Schmidt, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Daily Record Reporter Muir and approximately 10 members of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Bassett read the proclamation for “National Aquatic Week”.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Barry

Affirmed

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Joan Glover, Co-Chair of Fourth of July Community Celebration and KVCH Duck Derby thanked the City for its assistance with the event.

AGENDA APPROVAL


Affirmed

Approve agenda as amended. Sowards

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 – June 24, 2002, Special Session
Approve Minutes – July 1, 2002, Regular Session 1

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – June 18, 2002

(2) Senior Citizens Advisory Commission – June 20, 2002

(3) Planning Commission – June 27, 2002

C. Award Bid Call 2002-21 – Tourism Directional Signs to Blueridge Agency

D. Approve Closure of Fourth Avenue Between Pine and Pearl Streets for Kittitas County Farmer’s Market on 7-27-02 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

E. Approve Request from Girl Scouts Mid-Columbia Council to use Memorial Park from July 29 – August 2, 2002 for a Day Camp

F. Authorize Acceptance of Washington State Traffic Safety Commission Grant for Three Radars

G. Approve July 15, 2002 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 54482, 54691 Through 54893 in the Total Amount of $1,071,253.35 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 45888 Through 46332 in the Total Amount of $664,664.32. Affirmed

PRESENTATION FROM ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON CITIES ON LOSS CONTROL REVIEW

Fred Crumley, Loss Control Specialist for Association of Washington Cities Risk Management Service Agency, gave a presentation summarizing the recent loss control review.

LETTER FROM GREG BJORDAL RE: VETERANS MEMORIAL TOTEM POLE

Greg Bjordal submitted a letter regarding a proposal for relocating a Veterans Memorial totem pole and the addition of three poles.

Refer letter to Arts Commission for consideration. Perrie

Affirmed

LETTER FROM KITTITAS COUNTY EMS AND TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL SUPPORTING A BICYCLE HELMET ORDINANCE

A letter was received on behalf of the Kittitas County Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care Council to offer support for the City Council’s pursuance of a city ordinance for helmets.

Direct staff to come back with a proposed ordinance for helmet use at the skateboard Collins park and for bicycle riders in the city and refer to Parks and Recreation Commission. Affirmed
CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Doug Mitchell, Roger Weaver, Jack Piper, Robert Terrell, Debbie Clerf, and Tom Morris spoke about allowing offices in the Commercial Highway and Commercial Tourist Zones.

ORDINANCE NO. 4325/PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE CITY PROPERTY ON SOUTH RAILROAD AVENUE/ANDERSON ROAD FROM RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (R-S) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (I-L) – (CONTINUED)

Mayor Bassett reopened the public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance to rezone a 6.67 acre parcel of land that is City property on South Railroad Avenue/Anderson Road from R-S to I-L zoning.

Councilmember Lillquist disclosed that she had a conversation with Bill Bledsoe. Councilmember Sowards stated she reviewed the tapes from the July 1, 2002 public hearing and visited the area that is being discussed. Councilmember Collins stated he reviewed the tapes from the July 1, 2002 public hearing.

No one objected to the council members or mayor participating in this hearing.

Community Development Director Witkowski summarized the agenda report. Council continued the public hearing on July 1, 2002 to tonight’s meeting. Council directed staff to re-notify the property owners within 300 feet of the subject property and to attempt to make personal contact with those property owners in an effort to solicit their input prior to taking action on the proposed rezone. This has been done.

Council asked questions of staff.

Jack Piper, 300 East Helena, stated this property is a good area for industrial development, but feels more studies should be done by an engineer in the area of wetlands and the floodplain.

Community Development Director Witkowski stated the process the City used for this zone change is the same as for any other applicant. The property is in Zone C which is not in the floodplain. According to the wetlands study done for the entire city, this property is not identified as a wetland. Engineering and surveying work would be done for a preliminary plat document, not a zone change.

Bill Bledsoe, Valley Sheet Metal, 1116 N. Water, owns five acres near the proposed zone change. He stated he is concerned with the City “doing what is right” for the whole community. He has talked to neighbors in the area and they have mixed feelings about the zone change.

Paul Bennett, 505 S. Railroad Avenue, stated he would like to see the zone left the way it is now.

Chris Schambacher, 218 Dennis, stated he favors leaving the area as open space and feels that Light Industrial would be a “spot zone” in a residential area.
Council asked questions of staff and the audience members.

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

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4325.** Bassett

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to zoning and amending Chapter 13.60 by adding a new section 13.60.90 changing the zoning classification of certain properties within the city from Residential Suburban (R-S) to Light Industrial (I-L) land use classification.

Vote on motion. Barry (yes)

Collins (yes)

Lillquist (no)

Perrie (no)

Savidge (no)

Sowards (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4326 – WALTERS ANNEXATION – CORRECTION TO LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4294 approving the Walters Annexation consisting of a 1.17 acre parcel and approximately 355 feet of the Ellensburg Water Company’s Town Ditch. It has now come to staff’s attention that there was an error in the legal description that needs to be corrected.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4326.** Sowards

An ordinance amending Chapter 10, Section 10.2.217 (a) of the Ellensburg City Code and Ordinance 4294, clarifying an annexation of certain territory to the City of Ellensburg, Washington, and assigning Residential Suburban (R-S) zoning classification. Affirmed

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE – REVISING QUORUM REQUIREMENT FOR DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE**

The proposed ordinance amendment would revise the quorum requirement for the Downtown Task Force to address situations where there are unfilled positions on the Task Force. It would reduce the quorum to four members whenever there are two or more vacancies.
Council directed staff to come back with an amendment at the next meeting to reduce the members from nine to seven and refer this to the Downtown Task Force for a recommendation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4327 – CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The proposed ordinance would clarify the function and authority of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to review applications for lodging tax funding and make recommendations to the City Council about which tourism promotion and tourism related facilities projects the City should fund.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4327.** Perrie

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and amending Section 2.28.20 regarding the duties of the committee. Affirmed

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-19 – SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AT LIBRARY**

Council has accepted two grants from the Gates Foundation for public access computers and a computer lab for the Library. Gateway is the sole source for the Gates Foundation computers.

**Adopt Resolution No. 2002-19.** Sowards

A resolution waiving bid requirements for the purchase of Gates library computers (hardware and software) using monies from two library grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Affirmed

**POLICY FOR NAMING AND NUMBERING STREETS**

Fire Chief Schmidt discussed the policies and procedures for naming and numbering streets. It does not seem that there has been a consistent plan or methodology for naming the streets of the city and contiguous areas of the county. The problem is that the ordinance for the naming of streets within the city is too vague. Options presented to Council are to amend the existing City Code, form a work group to discuss the issues, refer to the Planning Commission, or have staff draft a plan.

Steve Willard, Ellen Howe, representing Central Washington Home Builders Association, and Mitch Williams stated they would support a committee being formed to discuss the issue.

Council directed staff to bring back information about forming an advisory committee at the next meeting.

**WHEATON COURT FINAL PLAT**

The City received the final plat drawings for Wheaton Court Plat (formerly Steve Willard Plat). The
plat is for 34 lots located just west of the Alder Street extension. The City Council approved the preliminary plat at the February 19, 2002 meeting with seven conditions.

Accept the Wheaton Court Plat as final. Perrie

Affirmed

MANAGER’ S REPORT

Building Inspector

The senior building inspector has resigned and the City Manager is requesting authority to enter into a contract for services.

Authorize City Manager to arrange for services for the interim period of the Savidge resignation of the senior building inspector until the regular replacement is hired. Affirmed

Public Hearing

Set a public hearing date of August 5, 2002 for a zoning code amendment to add a Lillquist PUD density bonus option for energy and resource conservation features. Affirmed

Study Session

Set study session for September 9, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the water resource Lillquist management strategy. Affirmed

Pool Operating Hours

Staff is proposing to adjust the swimming pool hours starting August 1 as follows:

Open at 6:00 a.m. instead of 5:30 a.m. – Monday - Friday Monday-Friday close from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the school year

Tuesday and Thursday close at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Approve request to change pool hours. Perrie

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

KITTCOM Board
Councilmember Sowards reported on the last KITTCOM Board meeting.

Sanda City

Councilmember Sowards and Mayor Bassett attended a dinner with Sanda City officials.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 10:52 p.m. Barry

Affirmed

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Mayor

Attest: ________________________

City Clerk