CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session
Date of Meeting October 14, 2002
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 102 North Pearl Street


Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Clerk Reno, Finance Director Carpenter, Budget and Accounting Supervisor Snider, Fire Chief Schmidt, and Police Chief Richey.

PRELIMINARY 2003 BUDGET

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Schmidt reviewed the proposed 2003 budget for the Fire Department.

The motto of the Fire and EMS Department is “We help people”.

The goals of the department include: strict enforcement of the fire code in applicable occupancies, identification of water supply concerns, development of a pre-manufactured home safety standard, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in all rental properties, on going staff and managerial development, development of a cutting edge emergency management program, and development of a fire station location program.

The proposed changes not included in the preliminary 2003 budget are reclassification of the Office Manager and Assistant Chief.

The capital projects include turnout replacement program, radio replacement, air pak replacement, washer and dryer, and vent diesel exhaust.

The overtime and call back amounts have been separated in both fire suppression and emergency medical services. Calls for service continue to increase every year.

Council may wish to consider impact fees, which are included in the budget with a zero amount at this time.

POLICE

Police Chief Richey reviewed the 2003 preliminary budget for the Police Department.

The Chief is proposing that the Officer Manager be reclassified to Executive Assistant, which is not included in the preliminary 2003 budget.
The Police Department has been notified that it is eligible for a $250,000 federal grant for two school resource officers for the next three years. Chief Richey is pursuing outside funding through the Ellensburg School District and will not bring the grant acceptance to the Council until the funding from the School District has been secured.

The funding from the Kittitas County Law and Justice Council will need to be reduced from $12,000 to $6,000. Jail Fees continue to increase.

The Police Department will be asking for an increase in parking fines.

Capital requests include replacement computers and replacement of portable radios. The department needs two patrol cars replaced, but this was included in the unfunded capital project requests.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk