ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Collins, Lillquist, Perrie, and Mayor Pro Tem Barry.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Public Works Director Akers; Community Development Director Witkowski; Energy Services Director Titus; Library Director Kline; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Daily Record Reporter Muir and approximately seven members of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Barry read the proclamation for Workforce Week.

Authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign proclamation. Perrie

Affirmed

Mayor Pro Tem Barry read the proclamation for Arbor Day.

Authorize Mayor Pro Tem to sign proclamation. Lillquist

Affirmed

AGENDA APPROVAL

Add letter received this evening from Kay Davis, CWU Rodeo Club, requesting a waiver of the City’s ambulance fees for the CWU Collegiate Rodeo on April 11-12, 2003 under Item 5.F.

Affirmed

Approve agenda as amended. Collins

Affirmed

Councilmember Savidge arrived at the meeting at 7:11 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: Lillquist

A. Approve Minutes – March 17, 2003, Regular Session

Approve Minutes – March 24, 2003, Special Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Downtown Task Force – February 13, 2003

(2) Cable Television Commission – March 19, 2003

(3) Arts Commission – March 25, 2003

C. Award Bid Call 2003-07 – 11th Avenue Water Main – Water Street to Okanogan Street to Fury Construction

D. Authorize Mayor to Execute Professional Services Agreement with Tri-State Engineering for the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool & Fitness Center Hot Tub Remodel Project

E. Approve Request from Kittitas County High School Rodeo Club to Waive Ambulance Fees for the High School Rodeo at the Rodeo Arena on April 19 and 20, 2003

F. Approve Request from Washington State High School Rodeo Association to Waive Ambulance Fees for the State Finals at the Rodeo Arena on May 29-31 and June 1, 2003 and Waive Noise Ordinance Until 12:00 a.m. on May 30 and 31, 2003; Approve Request from CWU Rodeo Club to Waive Ambulance Fees for CWU Collegiate Rodeo on April 11-12, 2003

G. Authorize Purchase of Twelve New Kenwood Portable Radios Through the Washington State Purchasing Cooperative in Amount of $7,701.41

H. Award Bid Call 2003-08 – Electrical Underground Distribution Construction to Moza Construction

I. Approve April 7, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 58622 Through 58860 in the Total Amount of $1,183,816.02 Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

Kenneth Lowe was present to speak on his interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MEMO FROM DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE RE: PROGRESSIVE DOWNTOWN PARKING TICKETS

The Downtown Task Force is recommending the City Council approve a progressive parking fine within the downtown so that upon a third violation, the fee would then double.
Council requested Code Enforcement Officer Linda Powers provide a presentation to Council at the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 4357 - LAND USE APPEALS/SEPA/SHORT PLAT AMENDMENT

Council gave Ordinance No. 4357 first reading with amendments at the March 3, 2003 meeting, following a public hearing. The proposed ordinance would change the procedures followed and requirements of land use appeals, State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) categorical exemption limits, short subdivisions, and administrative interpretations of the Zoning Ordinance.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4357. Lillquist

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to hearings examiner, categorical exemptions under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), SEPA and agency decisions, administrative decisions made during enforcement of Title 13 (Zoning), and short plats. Affirmed

Amend Section 1.68.40 (1-6) as shown on pages 35 and 36 of the agenda. Collins

Affirmed

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4357. Collins

Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Savidge (yes)
Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4358 – MILLER ANNEXATION AREA

Ordinance No. 4358 was given first reading at the March 17, 2003 meeting, after amending the maximum density for the property to three units per acre. The ordinance formally annexes the Miller Annexation Area to the City following the results of the February 4, 2003 special election at which voters residing in the area voted for annexation and for the assumption of indebtedness.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4358. Perrie
An ordinance of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, annexing certain real property designated as the Miller Annexation Area to the city pursuant to the election method; requiring that the annexation area be assessed and taxed at the same rate and basis as the land now located in the City of Ellensburg; designating the zoning of the annexation area; and establishing an effective date of the annexation. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4358. Perrie

Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Savidge (yes)
Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4359 – PFEFFER ANNEXATION AREA

The proposed ordinance formally annexes the Pfeffer Annexation Area to the City following the results of the February 4, 2003 special election at which voters residing in the area voted for annexation and for the assumption of indebtedness. Ordinance No. 4359 was given first reading at the March 17, 2003 meeting.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4359. Collins

An ordinance of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, annexing certain real property designated as the Pfeffer Annexation Area to the city pursuant to the election method; requiring that the annexation area be assessed and taxed at the same rate and basis as the land now located in the City of Ellensburg; designating the zoning of the annexation area; and establishing an effective date of the annexation. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4359. Lillquist

Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Savidge (yes)
Barry (yes)
Motion approved

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-06 – LIBRARY SURPLUS PROPERTY

The proposed resolution declares as surplus furnishings and equipment items that are no longer needed by the Library and Hal Holmes Center.

Adopt Resolution No. 2003-06. Perrie

Affirmed

YAKIMA SUBBASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE PLANNING BOARD

The City is a member of the Yakima Subbasin Fish and Wildlife Planning Board. Kittitas County Commissioner Huston requested the City Council consider participating in the Kittitas County Conference of Governments (KCCOG) process of taking public input on Yakima Subbasin issues.

Endorse the City’s participation in the KCCOG process for facilitating public input into Lillquist the Yakima Subbasin fish and wildlife planning. Affirmed

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS

Energy Services sent out a Request for Proposals to Ellensburg’s local financial institutions to provide low interest loans to help residential customers finance energy conservation projects. Several financial institutions submitted proposals that offered loan packages tailored specifically to the needs of the residential customers at interest rates as low as six percent. Staff would recommend changing to loans from local institutions which will free up both capital and manpower that are in short supply.

Discontinue providing residential energy conservation loans from the utility’s reserves Savidge and work with local financial institutions to provide necessary financing to customers seeking to implement energy efficiency measures. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Fiscal Condition

City Manager Barkley updated Council on the City’s efforts to hold spending in check and close the revenue gap which the City is currently experiencing.

Flags in Downtown

The City Manager has received a request to place American flags in the downtown area.
Place American flags in the downtown area. Collins

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Report on Meetings

Councilmember Perrie attended the Phoenix Board meeting.

Councilmember Savidge attended the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital Board dinner meeting, the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities meeting, and the Kittitas County Action Council Board meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry attended the Kittitas County Conference of Governments meeting.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss property acquisition and labor negotiations for approximately 30 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

At 9:05 p.m., Council extended the session for 15 minutes.

At 9:20 p.m., Council extended the session for 10 minutes.

At 9:30 p.m., Council extended the session for 10 minutes.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Lillquist Affirmed

_________________________ Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________

City Clerk