CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
April 21, 2003
7:00 p.m.
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; Planning Associate Eyerly; Code Enforcement Officer Powers; Energy Services Director Titus; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Daily Record Reporter Muir and one member of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Bassett read the proclamation for National Historic Preservation Week.

Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Barry

Affirmed

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda with amendment to move Item 5.H – Agreement for professional services Barry with Fennelle deforest Miller Consultants to Item 6.C. 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 – April 7, 2003, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – February 18, 2003

(2) Planning Commission – February 27, 2003

(3) Library Board – March 11, 2003

(4) Energy Advisory Committee – March 20, 2003
(5) Senior Citizens Advisory Commission – March 27, 2003

(6) Landmarks & Design Commission – April 1, 2003

(7) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – April 2, 2003

(8) Planning Commission – April 10, 2003

C. Award Bid Call 2003-05 – Library Expansion Project to Belsaas & Smith Construction, Inc.

D. Accept Resignation from Alycia Andress, Cable T.V. Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

E. Accept Resignation from Matthew Morton, Planning Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

F. Authorize a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in Amount of $10,000 to be Reallocated into the Senior Center Budget Number 022-555-50-31 to be used for Surfacing Project in 2003

G. Authorize Jazz in Valley to Hang Art Banners on Six Lampposts on Pearl Street from July 21-27, 2003

H. Authorize Mayor to Sign Interlocal Agreement with Grant County and Associated Agencies for Washington State Homeland Security Region Seven

I. Approve April 21, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 58861 Through 59087 in the Total Amount of $1,241,450.04 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 49645 Through 50045 in the Total Amount of $687,545.78. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Appoint Kenneth Lowe to Parks and Recreation Commission. Barry

Affirmed

MEMO FROM PLANNING COMMISSION RE: PROPOSED COMBINATION OF COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY (C-H) AND COMMERCIAL TOURIST (C-T) ZONING DISTRICTS

The memo from the Planning Commission with a draft of a proposed new zoning district to be known as the Commercial Highway and Tourist Zone (C-H-T) that would replace the current C-H and C-T zoning districts was acknowledged.

Council requested staff set a date at a future Council meeting for a study session to discuss this proposal along with other issues the Planning Commission is reviewing, such as the Sign Code.
AGREEMENT WITH FENNELLE DEFOREST MILLER CONSULTANTS AND SITE SPECIFIC HISTORICAL RESEARCH

At the August 19, 2002 meeting, Council approved the grant contract between the City and the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation that would fund a historic resource survey of the Shoudy’s First Addition. An agreement has been negotiated between the City and the partnership of Fennelle deforest Miller Consultants and Site Specific to conduct the survey.

In response to questions from Council, staff indicated that this agreement would not exceed the budgeted amount for the grant.

Authorize Mayor to sign agreement for professional services with Fennelle deforest Barry Miller Consultants and Site Specific Historical Research for Shoudy’s First Addition Historic Resource Survey. Affirmed

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – NATURAL GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT

The proposed ordinance would increase the natural gas rates by five percent and would increase annual revenues by approximately $280,000 to restore reserves to acceptable levels over a three to five year period.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4360. Collins

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 9.07 – Gas Regulation and Rates; and amending Sections 9.07.02, 9.07.06, 9.07.07 and 9.07.13 to increase gas rates and reconnection fees. Affirmed

Affirmed

PRESENTATION FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT REGARDING 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 penalty would then double from $25 to $50. David Cross, Chair of Downtown Task Force, was present to discuss the Task Force’s recommendation.

Code Enforcement Officer Lynda Powers discussed parking issues in the downtown. On January 1, 2003, Council increased the penalty for violation of timed parking from $15 to $25. As of April 14, 2003, Code Enforcement has cited 384 violators in the downtown. During this time period, 49 violators had two or more citations and 13 violators had three or more violations. Should Council elect to proceed with a progressive fine system for the downtown, the Clancy automated citation system
would accommodate such a program. Staff’s recommendation is to require Code Enforcement to continue with enhanced enforcement of downtown parking; require staff to provide quarterly reports to Council and the Downtown Task Force; and schedule a late summer or early fall study session to discuss parking related issues.

Schedule a late summer or early fall study session to discuss parking related issues. Lillquist

Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Report on Meetings

Councilmembers Barry and Collins attended the Energy Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmembers Barry and Collins rode along with the Police Department last Friday night.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist requested staff prepare a draft resolution to address the policy on resolutions and proclamations and rules for citizen comments.

Councilmember Savidge attended the Kittitas County Action Council Board meeting.

Councilmember Sowards attended the Law and Justice Council and KITTCOM meetings.

Councilmember Sowards will have a recommendation soon from the Street Naming Committee.

Mayor Bassett attended Arbor Day and Tree City functions.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss property acquisition and labor negotiations for approximately 20 minutes. Council did expect to reconvene to take action.

At 9:00 p.m., the executive session was extended for 15 minutes.

RECONVENE

At 9:14 p.m., Council reconvened to the regular meeting.

Authorize John Akers, Public Works Director, to make an offer on behalf of the City Lillquist to purchase real property from Mr. Ron Smith between First and Second Avenues on Pine Street at a price of $532,000, earnest money not to exceed $50,000. Affirmed
Approve the settlement of a labor agreement with Teamsters Local No. 524, Sowards as set forth in the recommended agreement reached April 18, 2003, subject to verification of the hourly wage calculations in Appendices A, B and C. Affirmed (Savidge – no)

Authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute a labor agreement consistent with Sowards the terms of the Teamsters settlement. Affirmed (Savidge – abstention)

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Barry Affirmed

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ATTEST: __________________________

City Clerk