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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Community Development Director Witkowski; Public Works Director Akers; Interim Parks and Recreation Director Case; Energy Services Director Titus; Interim Fire Chief Elliott; Firefighter/Paramedic Johnson; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Daily Record Reporter Muir and approximately seven members of the audience.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Interim Fire Chief Elliott presented a letter of commendation that was received from the Washington State Patrol for Firefighters/Paramedics Dan Johnson and Gary Burrows.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The memo from Mayor Bassett requesting an excused absence from this meeting was acknowledged.

Approve agenda. 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: Sowards

A. Approve Minutes – April 21, 2003, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission – March 25, 2003

(2) Downtown Task Force – April 10, 2003

(3) Cable Television Commission – April 16, 2003
(4) Energy Advisory Committee – April 17, 2003

C. Award Bid Call 2003-11 – Television Inspection System to Cues, Inc. for $57,176.85; Upgrade to a “Zoom Pan & Tilt” Camera in the Amount of $2,692.50; and Upgrade to the “Ultra Shorty 21 Self Propelled Transporter” in the Amount of $1,615.50

D. Accept Resignation from Cami Reinke, Landmarks and Design Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

E. Accept Resignation from Seth McGehee, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

F. Authorize Mayor to Sign the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Private Business Associate Agreements with Fire Districts #1, #2, #4, the City of Kittitas and Kittitas County EMS

G. Approve May 5, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 59088 Through 59292 in the Total Amount of $493,075.82 Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

F.J. (Buck) Dawson and Thomas Kunst were present to speak on their interest in serving on commissions.

LETTER FROM KITTITAS COUNTY ACTION COUNCIL (KCAC) REGARDING EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

KCAC has requested the City approve or certify its annual Emergency Shelter Grant Program application for the 2003-2004 contract period.

Approve grant application for KCAC’ s Emergency Shelter Program. Sowards

Affirmed (Savidge – abstain)

MEMOS FROM DOWNTOWN TASK FORCE

The memos from the Downtown Task Force with recommendations regarding the Sign Code and downtown parking permits from the April 10 and 24, 2003 minutes were acknowledged.

Council requested staff bring back options for the parking proposal. The Sign Code will be reviewed in the next few months.

ORDINANCE NO. 4360 – NATURAL GAS RATE ADJUSTMENT

Council gave Ordinance No. 4360 first reading at the April 21, 2003 meeting. Staff recommends Section 9.07.13 be modified to return to the original language that charges the person a reconnect fee
if the request is made by the same person at the same location.

Amend Ordinance No. 4360, Section 9.07.13 as noted in the agenda report. Sowards

Affirmed

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4360. Sowards

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 4360. Sowards

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

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4361 – REGULATORY STREET SIGN MODIFICATIONS

The proposed ordinance reflects the modifications requested by Pautzke Bait Company, Ellensburg Police Department, and Central Washington University.

Amend ordinance to read “No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. while school is in session,” along the south side of Capitol Avenue and east of Sampson Street. Affirmed

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4361, as amended. Sowards

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to parking and amending Sections 8.10.02, 8.12.02, and 8.14.02. Affirmed

REVIEW OF GAMBLING TAX

The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4274 imposing a tax on gambling on April 16, 2001. The
ordinance indicates Council’s intention to conduct a review of the administration and application of this ordinance, including the tax rates, during 2003. Staff proposes that the gambling tax rates be adjusted to mirror those in place typically throughout the State of Washington.

Teddy Kollman, Owner of Oakrail Tavern; Burney Bilbo, Manager of Cleopatra’s Wild Goose Casino; and Ron Krogstadt, Owner of Frontier Tavern, all spoke in opposition to any increases in the gambling tax, which they indicated would negatively impact their establishments.

Council will keep the rates the same for now and review the ordinance in another year.

**PROPOSED DEDICATION OF LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES**

Steve Willard has proposed to the City, dedication of a 5.5 acre parcel for the express and limited use for public park purposes. The background review and recommendation of the Community Development Director is presented in the agenda report.

If the dedication of land, adjusted value, and exemption of 133 future dwelling units from park impact fees in consideration of the dedication are acceptable to the Council, a formal written agreement will be prepared by staff for both parties to sign.

Accept land dedication of parcel located on North Alder Street for park purposes and Lillquist direct staff to draft appropriate documents and bring back to Council for consideration. Affirmed

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Public Hearings**

Set public hearing for proposed Canterberry Estates Plat on May 19, 2003. Lillquist Affirmed

Set public hearing for proposed zone change for parcel south of Mountain View Perrie Avenue, between Bull Road and Rosewood Lane on May 19, 2003. Affirmed

Set public hearing for a proposed ordinance amending the Subdivision Code pertaining Perrie to building permits on May 19, 2003. Affirmed

**Software Contract**

Staff seeks consent of the Council to proceed and negotiate a contract with a selected firm for a software package to replace finance and operation software for consideration at a future meeting. The two finalist companies are Springbrook and Cogsdale.
Authorize City Manager to negotiate a contract with one of the finalists for software. Lillquist
Affirmed

**Master Plan – West Ellensburg Property**

Hold a public forum on May 22, 2003 on West Ellensburg Property Master Plan. Lillquist
Affirmed

**New City Hall**

Set May 19, 2003, prior to regular meeting, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm., for a public Sowards presentation on the concept plan for the new City Hall. Affirmed

**COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**

**Report on Meetings**

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Emergency Medical Services Board meeting and reported on the Salmon Recovery Board.

Councilmember Perrie attended the Phoenix Board meeting.

Councilmember Savidge attended the City/County Breakfast and Downtown Task Force meeting.

Councilmember Sowards reported the proposed recommendation and ordinance from the Street Naming Committee is ready for Council’s review. City Manager Barkley indicated this should be before the Council in June.

Mayor Pro Tem Barry attended the Quad County RTPO meeting.

**RECESS**

Council recessed to executive session at 9:31 p.m. to discuss two potential real estate transactions for approximately 15 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Barry Affirmed

_________________________ Mayor

_________________________ ATTEST:

City Clerk