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; Fire Chief Elliott; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Daily Record Reporter Muir; and two members of the audience.

PROCLAMATIONS


Authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Barry

Affirmed

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda. Barry

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 – August 18, 2003, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission— June 24, 2003

(2) Landmarks & Design Commission – July 1, 2003

(3) Environmental Commission – July 16, 2003

(5) Energy Advisory Committee – August 21, 2003

C. Award Bid Call 2003-25 – Utility Box Service Body with Hoist to Titan Truck Equipment

D. Award Bid Call 2003-27 – City Hall Hazardous Material Mitigation Project to Summit Environmental Inc.

E. Approve Request from United Way to Hang Banner Across Eighth Avenue from October 10, 2003 – November 14, 2003

F. Approve Use of Public Safety Building Parking Lot and Council Chambers on October 4, 2003 for Manastash Metric Bicycle Tour

G. Authorize Mayor and City Manager to Sign the Ambulance Service Agreement with the City of Selah/YCFD #2

H. Authorize Mayor to Sign Lease with Kittitas County for the Transfer Station

I. Accept Bid Call 2001-33 – Tree Pruning Contract as Complete

J. Accept Negotiated Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company for Tree Pruning

K. Accept Resignation from Florence Lentz from the Landmarks and Design Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

L. Approve September 2, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 60862 Through 61037 in the Total Amount of $1,070,887.66. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

Joe Sheeran spoke on his interest in serving on the Environmental Commission and Planning Commission.

Larry Jammes is unable to attend the Environmental Commission meetings due to his work schedule and is withdrawing his application from consideration.

MEMO FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION RE: ACTION TAKEN AT JULY MEETING

The Environmental Commission made a motion at the July meeting that at all meetings of the Commission, a majority of the members then in office shall constitute a quorum. If Council approves this action, the ordinance which created the Commission will need to be amended.

The Council adopted an ordinance last year which reduced the Downtown Task Force’s quorum requirement to four members (from the present minimum of five) whenever there are two or more vacancies.
Council consented to staff bringing back ordinance language for the proposed change such as done with the Downtown Task Force.

LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF VISITOR INFORMATION CENTERS RE: THE POTENTIAL PRIVATIZATION OF REST AREAS ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

The Council discussed a letter received from the Association of Visitor Information Centers of Washington which opposes the Section 1306 of H.R. 2088, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2003. This provision would establish rest area commercialization pilot projects, and would seriously jeopardize small businesses and hurt local governments across the country.

Helen Wise stated this would also impact many non-profit groups that depend on rest areas for their budgets by serving refreshments and receiving donations.

Send letters with Mayor’s signature to State and Federal Legislative Delegation, Governor Gary Perrie Locke, State Department of Transportation, and Federal Highway Administration opposing private development at rest areas. Affirmed

ORDINANCE NO. 4368 - DREXLER ANNEXATION – 1.52 ACRES ON NORTH WATER BETWEEN INDIANA DRIVE AND ILLINOIS AVENUE

Councilmember Perrie excused himself from the meeting to avoid any conflict of interest or appearance of fairness issues as he has a business relationship with one of the proponents.

At the August 18 meeting, Council held a public hearing to consider the petition for annexation from Brandon and Michelle Drexler, Paul and Lisa Maurer, Michael and Paulette Forman and Bryan Nelson for 1.52 acres on North Water Street between Indiana Drive and Illinois Avenue. Resolution No. 2003-20 was adopted and Ordinance No. 4368 was given first reading.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4368. Barry

An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Ellensburg, Washington, and assigning Residential Suburban (R-S) zoning classification. Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4368. Collins

Barry (yes)

Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Savidge (yes)
Sowards (yes)
Bassett (yes)

Motion approved.

Councilmember Perrie returned to the meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-22 – CITY HALL (WASHINGTON SCHOOL) SURPLUS MATERIALS**

The proposed resolution establishes the City’s intent to dispose of material generated in the City Hall renovation project.

Include steel awning on east side of Washington School building on surplus list. Barry

Affirmed

Adopt Resolution No. 2003-22 as amended. Sowards

Affirmed

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-23 – AMBULANCE PURCHASE – SOLE SOURCE REQUEST**

The Fire Department is requesting Council approve Braun Northwest as the sole source vendor for the purchase of a 2004 E-450 Medic Unit to be delivered 210 days from the date of order. The total cost of the unit and equipment is $170,000.

Approve Resolution No. 2003-23. Collins

Affirmed

Approve the purchase of a fourth medic unit to be funded from a dedicated donation Barry fund and the apparatus replacement fund. Affirmed

**MANAGER’ S REPORT**

**Request for Public Hearing**

Set public hearing for September 15, 2003 for Thomas Colbert’s application to operate a taxi. Perrie

cab service. Affirmed

**Request for Conveyance of Property**
Staff has been working with Kittitas County and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to confirm access rights to the area along the Yakima River proposed for use as a dog park. Portions of this property were purchased by the WSDOT in the 1960’s for construction of Interstate 90. At that time, the State also condemned property along the I-90 alignment to provide the City access to the remainder of its property outside the access control line of I-90. For some reason, this property was never officially conveyed to the City. The WSDOT provided correspondence indicating a willingness to transfer this property to the City and requested notice from the City as to its desire for title to the property.

Staff to prepare a request to the WSDOT under the Mayor’s signature for conveyance of the Lillquist property to the City. Affirmed

Proposal to Contract for Senior Center Programming

Elmview has proposed to contract with the City to provide programming services at the Senior Center. A public forum has been set for September 9, 2003 at the Senior Center to discuss this proposal.

Ellensburg Livestock Exchange Property

The Ellensburg Livestock Exchange property is for sale and the City has the first right to purchase the property if it is interested.

City declines to purchase the property. Perrie

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Barry attended an Energy Advisory Committee meeting and toured Washington School.

All Councilmembers and the Mayor reported that they attended the Rodeo Parade.

Councilmember Collins requested an excused absence from the September 15, 2003 meeting and will be submitting a letter.

Councilmember Lillquist will be attending the Auditor’s Exit Interview on September 9, 2003. She also reported that the County Commissioners are still reviewing the Sub-Basin issues.

Councilmember Savidge attended a Kittitas County Action Council Board Meeting.

Mayor Bassett attended a Volunteer Fire Relief and Pension Meeting. One other council member
needs to be appointed to the Board.

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem as the second council member on the Volunteer Fire Relief and Pension Bassett

Board. Affirmed

ADJOURN Adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Lillquist Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________ City Clerk