ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Barry, Collins, Lillquist, Perrie, Savidge, and Mayor Bassett

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Community Development Director Witkowski; Finance Director Carpenter; Public Works Director Akers; Energy Services Director Titus; Senior Planner Smith; Executive Assistant Gigstead; and approximately 18 members of the audience.

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 – October 13, 2003, Special Session

Approve Minutes – October 15, 2003, Special Session

Approve Minutes – October 20, 2003, Regular Session

Approve Minutes – October 23, 2003, Special Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Environmental Commission – October 15, 2003

(2) Cable Television Commission – October 15, 2003

(3) Senior Citizens Advisory Commission – October 16, 2003

(4) Energy Advisory Committee – October 16, 2003
C. Award Bid Call 2003-37 – Brick Road Bridge Replacement Project to Belsaas & Smith Construction Co.

D. Authorize Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement Grant from Washington State Traffic Safety Commission in the Amount of $3,000 for DUI Emphasis Patrol

E. Approve Request to Hang Banner over Eighth Avenue for CWU College Rodeo from April 5, 2004 – April 11, 2004

F. Award Bid Calls 2003-43 and 2003-44 – Furnishings and Equipment for the Library to Chandler Business Interiors

G. Approve November 3, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 61742 Through 61935 in the Total Amount of $1,174,704.05. Affirmed

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Larry Nickel spoke about current conditions in the Ellensburg Downtown National Historic District.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 4370 – PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Mayor Bassett opened the public hearing to consider the proposed ordinance that sets the levy for property taxes to be collected in 2004 for municipal purposes.

Finance Director Carpenter summarized the agenda report. The estimated tax collections have increased to $1,646,539 from the 2004 preliminary budget estimate of $1,641,103. The tax levy is based on an increase of one percent over the amount levied for 2003 plus the taxation of 2003 new construction values. Also included in the ordinance is an amount of $127,650 for the excess levy approved by the voters of the City in 2003.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 4371 – VACATING ALLEY BETWEEN SIXTH AND SEVENTH AVENUES EAST OF POPLAR STREET AND A PORTION OF ALDER STREET SOUTH OF EIGHTH AVENUE

ORDINANCE NO. 4372 – STREET SIGN CODE REVISIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 4373 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-29 – AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE YOUTH ATHLETIC FACILITIES PROGRAM

The proposed resolution declares the sole source purchase of a 3M staff sensitizing checkout system for the Library and one set of dual security gates for the north entrance of the Library.

Affirmed

Approve the purchase of the 3M staff sensitizing and desensitizing check out system Lillquist in the amount of $14,319.00 and the set of security gates in the amount of $12,166.00 Affirmed

ELLENSBURG CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - REQUEST FOR WATER SERVICE

The Ellensburg Christian School is considering a site for development of a new private school facility within the unincorporated portion of the Ellensburg Urban Growth Area (UGA). They are requesting that their pre-annexation agreement require the extension of municipal water service only. The established Council policy for extension of services to unincorporated UGA parcels requires that the basic infrastructure of the development be consistent with City standards. This policy requires that the main infrastructure of water, sanitary sewer, streets and storm water retention by completed to meet the City’s facility requirements.

Chuck Norelius, Director of Development of Ellensburg Christian School, was present to discuss the letter of request on Page 63 of the agenda.

Council discussed possible amendments to the current policy to allow non-profits or just schools to automatically be exempt from this provision of extension of services in the unincorporated UGA or a specific waiver for just the Ellensburg Christian School with conditions outlined in their letter.

Direct staff to come back with a waiver outlining the concerns of the Council. Bassett

Affirmed

SIGN CODE POLICY COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

The Library Director is requesting approval to send a request to the Hal Holmes Trustee to use interest from the Trust to complete the purchase of necessary furnishings and equipment for the Library and Hal Holmes Center.

Approve requesting funds up to $234,000 from the Hal Holmes Trust for the Library/Hal Holmes Lillquist Center. Affirmed

CURRIER CREEK ESTATES PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

PROPOSALS FROM THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOR CABLE TELEVISION AND LODGING TAX FUNDS

REQUESTS FOR FUNDING FROM THE STUDENT FILM AND VIDEO ASSOCIATION AT CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
CONTRACT AMENDMENT #2 WITH AVISTA ENERGY

MANAGER’ S REPORT

Sign Code Policy Committee

Staff has advertised for letters of interest for the Sign Code Policy Committee. To date, staff has been in contact with nine individuals, two of which are council members.

Extend deadline to accept letters of interest for Sign Code Policy Committee until 10-29-03. Perrie Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Barry attended an Energy Advisory Committee meeting, a Twin City Foods tour, a tour of the new city hall building, and rode with the Police Department last Saturday night.

Councilmember Collins attended the Energy Advisory Committee meeting, an Airport Advisory Committee meeting, and rode with Police Department last Saturday night.

Councilmember Lillquist attended a Sub-Basin Planning meeting and a Salmon Recovery meeting.

Councilmember Savidge discussed with a representative of Twin City Foods the need to maintain their facilities.

Councilmember Sowards attended a Law and Justice Council meeting.

Mayor Bassett attended the Kamola Hall dedication.

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ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Barry Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________________ City Clerk