CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting December 1, 2003
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting 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; Community Development Director Witkowski; Finance Director Carpenter; Utility Services Supervisor Perrie; Police Chief Richey; Fire Chief Elliott; Executive Assistant Gigstead; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda with the addition of application received from Lou Savidge for the Parks and Barry Recreation Commission. 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 – November 17, 2003, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Parks and Recreation Commission – October 8, 2003

C. Accept Bid Call 2003-27 – City Hall Hazardous Material Removal Project as Complete

D. Approve Memoranda of Understanding between the City and IAFF Local 1758

E. Accept Resignation from Patrick Stanton, Energy Advisory Commission, and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

F. Approve December 1, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 62133 Through 62298 in the Total Amount of $981,483.20 Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS
George Bottcher and Clint Coppernoll were present to speak on their interest in serving on commissions.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

R. J. Brown, Central Washington University student, discussed an incident that occurred with the Police Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 4374 – 2004 BUDGET

Ordinance No. 4374, a summary of the preliminary 2004 Budget, was amended and given first reading at the November 17, 2003 meeting, after a public hearing was held.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4374. Barry

An ordinance adopting the annual budget for the City of Ellensburg, Washington, for the year 2004.

Affirmed

Adopt Ordinance No. 4374. Barry

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

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4375 – REVISION TO UTILITY DEPOSITS

The proposed ordinance changes utility deposits to a flat amount based on the number of utilities at the service address and waives the utility deposit for customers with good payment history on their residential account who are applying for utility service for a new commercial account.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4375. Barry

2.14.04 and 2.14.20 (c) to revise utility deposit requirements. Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4376 – FIRE CODE AMENDMENTS**

The proposed amendments are designed to simplify access and water supply development issues.

*Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4376.* Barry

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 3.03 Fire Code Amendments and adding Sections 3.03.42 and 3.03.43 to add amendments to Subsection 902.2.2.1 and Table A-III-B-1 of Appendix III-B of the 1997 Uniform Fire Code. Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4377 – AMBULANCE RATES**

The proposed ordinance increases ambulance base rates to reduce the subsidy paid by City residents for emergency medical service delivery.

*Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4377.* Barry

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to ambulance service rates and fees and amending Chapter 2.40, Section 2.40.04.

Affirmed

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003-31 – FISCAL YEAR 2003 BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS**

The proposed resolution would authorize the write-off of uncollectible utility accounts, ambulance accounts, parking citations, and miscellaneous invoices for fiscal year 2003.

*Adopt Resolution No. 2003-31.* Barry

Affirmed

**PROPOSED DEDICATION OF LAND FROM STEVE WILLARD 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 matter was considered by the Council and tentatively agreed to by Council on May, 2003. A proposed agreement was prepared to create a credit against future park dedication fees equal to the value of the property dedicated. A statutory warranty deed that will create the dedication to the City was also prepared.

Accept the land dedication as presented in the Statutory Warranty Deed and Authorize Sowards the Mayor and City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer
of the property. Affirmed

Approve the Park Impact Fee Credit Agreement in the amount of $81,688. Sowards

Affirmed

**SIGN CODE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Staff recommends the following people that submitted letters of interest be appointed to the Sign Code Policy Committee:

A representative from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; Councilmembers Ed Barry and Margaret Sowards (alternate); Mark Anderson, CWU; Bob Bridge; Richard Fischer; Denise Horton; Ben Kern; Tom Morris; Alan Walker; Jerry Williams; and Rolf Williams.

Make appointments to the Sign Code Policy Committee and direct the committee to complete Barry its review and make a recommendation to the Council by April 2004; leave the committee open to individuals interested in submitting applications until January. Affirmed

**MANAGER’ S REPORT**

**Northwest Neighborhood Street Corridors**

Set a special session on January 26, 2004 to discuss street corridors for the northwest area of Barry the City. Affirmed

**COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Councilmember Barry attended an Energy Advisory Committee meeting, a Conference of Governments (COG) meeting, and the City/County Breakfast meeting.

Councilmember Collins attended an Energy Advisory Committee meeting, the Chamber’s Legislative Day and the City/County Breakfast meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Chamber’s Legislative Day and reported on the Salmon Recovery Board.

Councilmember Savidge attended a Kittitas County Action Council (KCAC) Board meeting.

Councilmember Sowards attended a Law and Justice Council meeting.

Mayor Bassett attended the COG meeting. Also, he would like a letter of support sent to the local National Guard Reserve Unit signed by all council members.

**RECESS**
Council recessed to executive session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations for approximately 20 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Lillquist Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________ City Clerk