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; Gas Engineer Prue; Energy Resource Manager Nystedt; Police Corporal Bland; Police Officer Hall; Executive Assistant Gigstead; and three members of the audience.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Gary Nystedt, Energy Resource Manager, was recognized for exemplary commitment to energy efficiency.

Send a letter to Gary and staff of Energy Services Department complimenting them on the work that has been done. Affirmed

Theresa LaCroix is the new Senior Services Coordinator.

Andrew Hall was recognized for receiving the State Superstar Award for Traffic Safety.

Councilmember Lou Savidge was recognized for his service to the City.

Grant Lou Savidge permission to plant a tree in the City right-of-way and have it signed if he Bassett wishes. Affirmed

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Approve agenda with the addition of a replacement Page 8 for Item 5.D; an agreement for Item Barry 5.H; and an agenda report for Item 11.A. 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 – December 1, 2003, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks and Design Commission – November 4, 2003

(2) Library Board – November 11, 2003

(3) Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission – November 12, 2003

(4) Environmental Commission – November 19, 2003

(5) Cable Television Commission – November 19, 2003

(6) Energy Advisory Committee – November 20, 2003

(7) Arts Commission – November 25, 2003

(8) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – December 3, 2003

C. Accept Central Washington University’s Donated Funding of $3,500 and Ellensburg Morning Rotary Club Funding of $5,905.20 for the Purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera and Approve Interagency Agreement

D. Authorize Mayor to Sign Amended KITTCOM Interlocal Agreement

E. Authorize Energy Services Director to Sign Contracts with EES Consulting Inc. and Marsh Mundorf Pratt Sullivan & McKenzie for Western Public Agency Group

F. Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract Amendment with Central Washington University (CWU) for Operation of Ellensburg Community Television

G. Approve Purchase of Books and Videos in Amount of $2,587.90 by the Arts Commission for Donation to the Public Library

H. Authorize Police Chief to Sign Unclaimed Property Agreement with Propertybureau.com

I. Accept Bid Call 2003-06 – Sidewalk Repair Program as Complete

J. Approve December 15, 2003 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 62299 Through 62497 in the Total Amount of $1,359,592.29 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 52430 Through 52700 in the Total Amount of $482,906.23 and Direct Deposit in the Amount of $182,267.56. Affirmed

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS**

Mayor Bassett stated the appointment for the Cable Television Commission will be made in January due to a late application being received. Mayor Bassett recommended the following appointments:
George Bottcher, Planning Commission; Louis Savidge, Parks and Recreation Commission; Jerry Decker, Desmond Knudson, and Bob Titus, Phoenix Development Authority Board; Rusty Gigstead and Douglas Ryder, Building Appeals Board; Gary Mabee and Janice Owen, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; and Thomas Wellock, Environmental Commission.

Confirm Mayor’s appointments. Perrie

Affirmed

MEMORANDUM FROM ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REGARDING ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING

At the November 19, 2003 meeting, the Environmental Commission moved to request the City Council consider increasing the determination period for a SEPA application from 15 days to 35 days. This would allow the Commission to review the checklists at their monthly meetings.

Council consented to staff bringing back a proposed ordinance for this requested change.

LETTER FROM KITTITAS COUNTY REGARDING CITY REPRESENTATION ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA (PTBA) BOARD

The 2003 members of the City Council appointed to the PTBA Board are John Perrie and Lou Savidge. The County Commissioners have scheduled a meeting in January. Council will need to designate its representatives.

Councilmember Perrie will continue on the Board.

Replace Councilmember Savidge’s place on the PTBA Board with Councilmember Barry. Lillquist

Affirmed

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Max Faulkner discussed his plans to reopen the Wild Goose Casino.

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. Ordinance No. 4375 was given first reading at the December 1, 2003 meeting.

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

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending the Ellensburg

Adopt Ordinance No. 4375. Barry

Barry (yes)

Collins (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Perrie (yes)

Savidge (yes)

Sowards (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4376 – FIRE CODE AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments are designed to simplify access and water supply development issues. Ordinance No. 4376 was given first reading at the December 1, 2003 meeting.

Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4376. Perrie

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 4376. Perrie

Barry (yes)

Collins (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Perrie (yes)

Savidge (yes)

Sowards (yes)
Bassett (yes)

Motion approved.

**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. Ordinance No. 4377 was given first reading at the December 1, 2003 meeting.

**Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4377.** Collins

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 4377. Collins

Barry (yes)

Collins (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Perrie (yes)

Savidge (yes)

Sowards (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4378 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET**

The proposed ordinance provides for supplemental appropriations in various funds.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4378.** Barry

An ordinance amending the 2003 annual budget of the City of Ellensburg as set forth in Ordinance No. 4340 and Ordinance No. 4364 to provide additional revenues and appropriations in the General Fund, CATV, Fire Relief and Pension, Park Acquisition, Arterial Street, Water, Information Technology and the Library Trust Fund. Affirmed
RESOLUTION NO. 2003-32 – PAY PLAN

The proposed resolution would establish a pay plan for non-union employees for fiscal year 2004.

Adopt Resolution No. 2003-32. Collins

Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-33 – SOLE SOURCE FOR STEEL FITTINGS AND GAS METERS

The proposed resolution establishes Mueller as the sole source supplier of steel pipe fittings and Roots/Dresser as the sole source supplier of large rotary gas meters.

Adopt Resolution No. 2003-33. Savidge

Affirmed

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR 2004

The Employee Insurance Committee has considered proposals for medical insurance from several vendors. Based on the input from the Committee, the Premera Blue Cross Dimensions Heritage +1 proposal is being forwarded to Council for consideration.

Accept the rate quote from Premera Blue Cross for the Dimensions-Heritage +1 Medical Insurance Plan, the Premera Blue Cross Dental Plan, and the Premera Blue Cross Dimensions Vision Plan; authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute such documents as might be required to enter into the appropriate contracts and implement the plans; direct the staff to negotiate with each of the affected collective bargaining units and negotiate amendatory language as may be appropriate; and authorize the City Manager to reimburse the $50 co-payment requirement for emergency room visits up to two times during the plan year for each covered employee family. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Public Hearings

Set a public hearing on January 5, 2004 for the MWM Plat – a 12 lot replat of a previous Sowards short plat located on Cascade Way. Affirmed

Set public hearings on February 2, 2004 for Sun Ridge and Ridgeview Preliminary Plats Sowards located off Idaho Street/Ridgeview Lane and extend north to Bender Road. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS
Councilmember Barry presented the letter of recognition signed by the Council to the Ellensburg National Guard Unit.

Councilmember Lillquist attended a Yakima Salmon Recovery Funding Board meeting. She also requested a notice be placed in the newspaper regarding the City’s snow removal policy.

Councilmember Perrie attended a Chamber meeting.

Councilmember Savidge attended the Insurance Committee meetings.

Councilmember Sowards attended a KITTCOM meeting. She also read her letter of resignation from the City Council effective January 9, 2004, as she was appointed as Superior Court Judge by Governor Locke.

Mayor Bassett attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Judge’s Appointment Ceremony, Toys for Tots, and the Senator Cantwell visit.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Barry Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________________ City Clerk