CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting
April 19, 2004

Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 102 North Pearl Street

ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Bassett, Carlson, Collins, Lillquist, O’Brien, Perrie, and Mayor Barry.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Police Chief Richey; Energy Services Director Titus; Fire Chief Elliott; Recreation Director Case; Executive Assistant Gigstead; and approximately 11 members of the audience.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve agenda. Perrie

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: Perrie

A. Approve Minutes – April 5, 2004, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Library Board – March 9, 2004

(2) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – April 7, 2004

(3) Planning Commission – April 8, 2004

(4) Board of Adjustment – April 13, 2004

C. Award Bid Call 2004-10 - Concrete Electric Vaults to H2 Pre-Cast Concrete Products

D. Award Bid Call 2004-12 – 11th Avenue Water Main – Okanogan Street to Cora Street to Durands, Inc.

E. Approve Request from JoAnn Wise, Ellensburg National Art Show and Auction to Hang Banner across University Way from May 3, 2004 to May 24, 2004
F. Approve Request from Daily Record to use Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park on September 25, 2004 for the “Community Celebration” Event

G. Approve Noise Ordinance Waiver Request from Narcotics Anonymous Mobile Conference Committee from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. on June 19, 2004 at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds

H. Accept Resignation from Robbie Soltz, Environmental Commission and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Appreciation

I. Authorize Mayor to Sign Base Gas Agreement with Cook-Inlet

J. Adopt Resolution No. 2004-08, which Authorizes John Boys Smith to Remove two Trees Growing in the City Right-of-Way at 109 N. Pine Street

K. Approve Findings of Fact for Preliminary Pfeffer Plat

L. Approve Findings of Fact for Preliminary Coeur D’ Alene Court Plat

M. Approve April 19, 2004 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 65409 Through 65617 in the Total Amount of $1,164,937.97; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 55384 Through 55585 in the Total Amount of $257,863.29; and Direct Deposit in the Amount of $113,475.31. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Barry recommended Jani Niner be appointed to the Downtown Task Force.

Confirm Mayor’ s appointment. Perrie

Affirmed

LETTER FROM HAROLD POWELL REQUESTING THE USE OF IRENE RINEHART RIVERFRONT PARK

A representative from the Black Student Union at Central Washington University was present to request the use of Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park on April 28, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Local bands and musicians will perform at the event.

Grant request for use of Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park with the direction to work with the Bassett Parks Department. Affirmed

REQUEST FROM KITTITAS COUNTY FARMERS MARKET TO CLOSE PEARL STREET BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH AVENUES ON JUNE 12, 2004
The Kittitas County Farmers Market is requesting a street closure on June 12, 2004 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Mike Meyer, 410 ½ N. Pearl #3, representing the Pet Center and Downtown Pharmacy, stated that they are opposed to a full street closure since Saturday is their busiest day of the week and senior citizens need to park close to get their prescriptions.

Staff suggested that Council could close the parking stalls only on the West side of Pearl Street and allow bleachers to be set up in front of the Rotary Pavilion.

Close the parking on the west side of Pearl Street near the Rotary Pavilion and work with the Lilquist store owners on the east side of Pearl Street to possibly change the parking time limit and identify the number of spaces needed for businesses during this event. Affirmed

CORRESPONDENCE FROM DERALD GAIDOS, KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL REGARDING A POSSIBLE FIREWORKS BAN

The letter from Derald Gaidos regarding a possible fireworks ban was acknowledged. Fire Chief Elliott stated the Fire Department is asking the Council for consideration of a proposed ordinance to ban fireworks during the Fourth of July. Council may wish to look into the arrangement of a community event. The proposed ordinance may also allow for fireworks on New Years Eve.

The Council consented to staff bringing back a draft ordinance to Council for a proposed fireworks ban.

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-09 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE WASHINGTON WILDLIFE & RECREATION PROGRAM

Staff is requesting that Council adopt a proposed resolution authorizing the City’s application for funding through the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program and Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

Adopt Resolution No. 2004-09. Bassett

Affirmed

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-10 – PAY PLAN – PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION

A significant work load in the Engineering Division has created the need for additional staffing. The annual pay resolution has been revised to provide for one new staff position and one promotion within the division.

Adopt Resolution No. 2004-10. Perrie
Affirmed

QUIT CLAIM DEED WITH KENNETH AND ANGELA MIRLY

The proposed Quit Claim Deed would return approximately 1.75 acres of land obtained by the City in 1907 by error. The legal description used to convey the property to the City was in error and resulted in the City obtaining property approximately ¼ mile east of the actual property where the Yakima River was diverted to provide water to the Light Ditch which fed the old hydro plant. The City has no current or future use for the property. The Quit Claim Deed would allow the property owners to divide their property without having to accommodate the small piece of property owned by the City.

Authorize Mayor to sign the Quit Claim Deed with Kenneth and Angela Mirly. Carlson

Affirmed

BID CALL 2004-08 – DEHUMIDIFYING HEAT PUMP REPAIR PROJECT

One bid was received from Johnson Mechanical Corporation in the amount of $49,008.89 for the work required to replace the HVAC system at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool and Fitness Center. The bid exceeds the project budget by $10,158.89. A supplemental budget appropriation would be required if the bid is awarded.

Award Bid to Johnson Mechanical Corporation in the amount of $49,008.89 and Perrie authorize $10,158.89 from the Sales Tax Reserve Fund. Affirmed

MANAGER’ S REPORT

Short Plat Appeal

Set public hearing on May 3, 2004 for an appeal to the Kel-Brooke Short Plat. Lillquist

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bassett attended a Drug and Alcohol Task Force meeting at Central Washington University. He also received correspondence from the Association of Washington Cities regarding the Resolutions Committee. Councilmember O’ Brien would be interested in serving on that committee.

Councilmember Carlson rode with the Police Department last Saturday night.

Councilmember Lillquist interviewed with the community assessment team for the Police Department.

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Sub-Basin Fish and Wildlife Plan, the Watershed Plan and the Eastern Washington Water Alliance.
Councilmember O' Brien attended a KITTCOM Board meeting. He also asked staff to look into crosswalk markers on Water Street from University Way to Helena and no parking on the north side of Helena between Water Street and Airport Road.

Councilmember Perrie stated that the Beautification Commission has not had a quorum for quite some time and suggested the possibility of combining this commission with another commission.

Mayor Barry attended a Conference of Governments meeting, an Energy Advisory Committee meeting, and a Tree City USA Awards Banquet.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations for approximately 15 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take any action.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Collins Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________City Clerk