CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting
December 5, 2005

Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Carpenter; Senior Planner Smith; Energy Services Director Titus; Resource Manager Nystedt; Fire Chief Elliott; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Adult Activity Center Coordinator LaCroix; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Send letters of recognition to the Ellensburg High School Volleyball and Football Teams and Perrie Coaches. Affirmed

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approve Agenda. Carlson

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: Carlson

A. Approve Minutes – November 21, 2005, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Planning Commission – November 10, 2005

C. Reject Bids for Bid Call 2005-38 – Polyethylene (Gas) Pipe and Authorize Staff to Re-Issue the Bid

D. Award Bid Call 2005-39 – Polyethylene (Gas) Valves to Tri-Pacific Supply Inc. for Schedule D

E. Award Bid Call 2005-40 – Small Residential Gas Meters to Tri-Pacific Supply, Inc.
F. Award Bid Call 2005-41 – Polyethylene (Gas) Fittings to Ferguson Enterprises for Schedule B

G. Reject Bids for Bid Call 2005-43 – Transformer Concrete Pad Contract

H. Accept Bid Call 2005-07 – Sidewalk Repair Program as Complete

I. Accept Bid Call 2005-08 – Electrical Distribution Transformers as Complete

J. Accept Bid Call 2005-18 – Underground Electrical Conduit as Complete

K. Authorize Reimbursement up to $40,998.90 for Water Main Oversizing and $11,581.79 for Sewer Main Oversizing Costs for the Sander’s Mill Plat

L. Approve the Final Sander’s Mill Plat for Phases 4, 5, & 6 and Authorize Mayor to Sign the Final Plat and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

M. Authorize Mayor to Execute the Local Agency Supplement No. 2 Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Depot Acquisition Grant

N. Approve December 5, 2005 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 74410 Through 74611 in the Total Amount of $1,068,554.22; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 64182 Through 64395 in the total amount of $194,335.15 and Direct Deposit in the total amount of $80,994.91. Affirmed

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

Jeffrey Hocker and Hans Westermark spoke about their interest in serving on Boards and Commissions.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Doug Stalder handed out a proposal to the City for real estate acquisition.

Theresa LaCroix, Coordinator of Adult Activity Center, summarized activities and budget issues for the Center.

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 4426 – 2006 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Barry opened the public hearing to consider the 2006 Proposed Budget.

City Manager Barkley provided an overview of the budget process and summarized the agenda report.

Finance Director Carpenter provided an overview of the proposed Budget Ordinance. He handed out a revised agenda report. He also reviewed the proposed changes to the Preliminary Budget which are not included in the proposed Budget Ordinance.
There being no further testimony, Mayor Barry closed the public hearing.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4426.** O'Brien

An ordinance adopting the annual Budget for the City of Ellensburg, Washington, for the year 2006.

Amend the ordinance to show funding for the Arts Commission to remain the same as last year. Perrie

Affirmed

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

Direct staff to include the proposed changes on Page 45 of the agenda for second reading. Lillquist

Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4423 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

The City Council gave Ordinance No. 4423 first reading on November 7, 2005. Staff is recommending Ordinance No. 4423 be amended to include just the Six-Year Capital Facility Plan Amendment No. 05-01.

Amend Ordinance No. 4423 to include just the 6-Year Capital Facility Plan Amendment 05-01. Perrie

Affirmed

**Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4423.** Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to planning and amending the Comprehensive Plan adopted by Ordinance No. 3997 as last amended by Ordinance No. 4401 and set out in Chapter 3.32 of the Ellensburg City Code.

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Collins (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

O'Brien (yes)

Perrie (yes)

Barry (yes)
Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4424 – AMBULANCE RATE AMENDMENTS**

The proposed ordinance amends the City Code to change ambulance service fees, effective January 1, 2006, to reflect changes in operating costs and Medicare reimbursement rates. The City Council gave Ordinance No. 4424 first reading at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

*Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4424.* Carlson


Bassett (yes) Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Collins (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

O’Brien (yes)

Perrie (yes)

Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4425 – HOLMES CENTER RATES AND FEES AMENDMENTS**

The proposed ordinance establishes rental rates for the use of the new City Council Chambers and the Fire Department community and conference rooms. Council gave Ordinance No. 4425 first reading at the November 21, 2005 meeting.

*Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4425.* Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Chapter 2.36 “Hal Holmes Center Rates and Fees”, renaming and amending said chapter to include rates and fees for renting space at other City meeting facilities, adding new sections 2.36.02 and 2.36.10, and amending subsections 2.36.04 and 2.36.08 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code. Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
O’Brien (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 4427 – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS 05-02 AND 05-03

The proposed ordinance adopts the two remaining Comprehensive Plan amendments approved by the City Council on November 7, 2005.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4427. O’Brien

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to planning and amending the Comprehensive Plan adopted by Ordinance No. 3997 as last amended by Ordinance No. 4423 and set out in Chapter 3.32 of the Ellensburg City Code. Affirmed

ORDINANCE NO. 4428 – ELECTRIC REVENUE BONDS

The bond ordinance, as prepared by the City’s bond counsel, authorizes the issuance and sale of Electric Revenue Bonds to provide funds for capital expenditures. The proposal is to issue $4.885 million of bonds for capital expenditures associated with new developments, system upgrades and substation improvements.

Sam Penhallegon and Doug Stalder both spoke regarding the proposed ordinance.

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4428. O’Brien

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, relating to the electric utility of the City; ordering the carrying out of a part of the Comprehensive Plan/EIS of the City, as amended, affecting that utility; providing for the issuance of $4,885,000 par value Electric Revenue Bonds, 2005, to provide funds with which to pay costs of the City’s electrical capital construction plan, and making provision to pay the costs of issuance and sale of such bonds and to pay the cost of capitalizing a reserve for the bonds; fixing the date, form, maturities, interest rates, terms and covenants of the bonds; establishing a construction fund; [providing for bond insurance]; and approving the sale and providing for the delivery of the bonds to Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation of Seattle, Washington. Affirmed

ORDINANCE NO. 4429 – CHANGES TO ELECTRIC RATES
The proposed ordinance increases electric rates by an average of 10 percent in order to cover expenses during a time of unprecedented growth and to satisfy debt service coverage requirements for a new bond issue.

Sam Penhallegon and Doug Stalder both spoke regarding the proposed ordinance.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4429.** Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 9.06 Entitled Lights – Regulation and Rates and amending Sections 9.06.64, 9.06.65, 9.06.66, 9.06.67, 9.06.68 and 9.06.70 to adjust electricity rates. Affirmed

Waive Council rule 1.4.44 (c) (2) in order for second reading and adoption of ordinance. Carlson

Bassett (yes)
Carlson (yes)
Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
O'Brien (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

**Read for the second time, Ordinance No. 4429.** Carlson

**Affirmed**

**Adopt Ordinance No. 4429.** Carlson

Bassett (yes)
Carlson (yes)
Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
O'Brien (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Barry (yes)
Motion approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-36 – GAS METERS AND STEEL FITTINGS SOLE SOURCE SUPPLIER**

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. 2005-36. Carlson

Affirmed

**SOLAR VOLTAIC PROJECT CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

The Utility Advisory Committee approved a recommendation to Council to move forward with the marketing campaign for the Community Solar Photovoltaic System. The $299,985 project would be funded by the City’s Electric Utility ($197,833), the Bonneville Environmental Foundation ($51,076) and utility customers ($51,076). Staff is seeking Council authority to start marketing the project and soliciting customer contributions. If sufficient customer interest is found, then staff is asking for the additional authority to issue an RFP for construction.

Authorize staff to move forward with the Community Solar Photovoltaic Project marketing Carlson campaign to secure the needed $51,076 in customer commitments and if successful, to issue an RFP for construction of the initial 24 KW project. Affirmed

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Luft Rezone Public Hearing**

The Luft Rezone public hearing is postponed until a SEPA threshold determination has Lillquist been issued. Affirmed

**Set Public Hearing**

Set a public hearing on December 19, 2005 to consider amending the Six-Year Lillquist Transportation Improvement Plan. Affirmed

**COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS**

Councilmember Bassett attended the Moments to Remember and the Hospice Tree Lighting.
Councilmember Carlson attended the Moments to Remember.

Councilmember Collins attended the Hospice Tree Lighting.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember O’Brien attended the Moments to Remember, a meeting with CWU Chief Rittereiser regarding the Central Transit, and requested the Cable Television Commission review the community standards for programming with the Producer Coordinator or Ellensburg Community Television.

Mayor Barry attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 10:15 p.m. to discuss proposed real estate offers and labor negotiations for approximately 40 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.

At 11:18 p.m., Council returned to regular open meeting. Council directed staff to solicit interest in purchasing from the City all or part of the City owned property known as the Williams property, also called the West Ellensburg property or the Pautzke property, exclusive of those areas reserved for public purposes. The Council will consider proposals received in the city manager’s office by January 16th.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 11:22 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________ City Clerk