Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
December 19, 2005

Date of Meeting
December 19, 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, Lillquist, Perrie, and Mayor Barry.

Excused Absence: Councilmember O’Brien

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Carpenter; Police Chief Richey; Police Administration Supervisor Huston; Police Secretary/Records Clerk Cady; Energy Services Director Titus; Public Works Director Akers; and approximately 12 members of the audience.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Barry presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Brenda Huston in recognition of her retirement.

City Manager Barkley introduced Cathleen Cady, Police Secretary/Records Clerk.

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 – December 5, 2005, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Downtown Task Force – August 25, 2005

C. Accept Bid Call 2005-30 – Tree Trimming Contract as Complete

D. Approve Closure of Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park for Repair of Existing Rock Weir
E. Approve Amendments to the Flexible Spending Account Plan

F. Accept Resignation from Jani Niner, Downtown Task Force, and Authorize Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

G. Approve Excused Absence for Councilmember O’Brien

H. Authorize Staff to Renew the Contract with Utility Vault Co. through October 13, 2006

I. Authorize Energy Services Director to Terminate Site Specific Wheeling Agreements #1 and #2 with Kittitas County PUD

J. Approve Application from J & M Liquidations for the Sale of Fireworks and Authorize Fire Chief to Sign the Permit

K. Authorize Expenditure of $3,660 for the Special Building Inspector Contract with Berryman and Henigar

L. Approve December 19, 2005 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 74612 Through 74833 in the Total Amount of $592,103.71; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 64396 Through 646403 in the total amount of $199,096.62 and Direct Deposit in the total amount of $90,999.82. Affirmed

BOARDs AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Barry recommended the following appointments and reappointments to boards and commissions: Mike Burtness - Board of Adjustment; Rusty Gigstead and Doug Ryder – Building Appeals Board; Jeffrey Hocker – Downtown Task Force; Lynn Jenison and Doug Ryder – Ellensburg Business Development Authority; and Gary Mabee – Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Approve Mayor’s appointments. Perrie

Affirmed

LETTER FROM PAT KELLEHER REGARDING ELECTRIC RATES

Pat Kelleher spoke regarding the 10 percent electric rate increase that was adopted at the last meeting by the City Council.

Energy Services Director Titus responded to Mr. Kelleher’s comments.

The City Council took the comments under advisement.

LETTER FROM THE CASCADE LAND CONSERVANCY SEEKING SUPPORT FOR UTILIZING TRANSFERABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AS A PLANNING TOOL
Timothy Engstrom, Director of Kittitas County Conservation, gave a presentation regarding a planning tool called “transfer of development rights”.

City to endorse the concept of “transfer of development rights” and work with the County and Lillquist the Cascade Land Conservancy to help develop the program.

The motion was withdrawn and the City Council requested that this issue be scheduled again at the January 3, 2006 meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ISSUES

Darin Clark spoke about his utility bills.


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 $4,780,000 of bonds for capital expenditures associated with new developments, system upgrades and substation improvements.

Jean Baker, Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation reported on the bond sale.

Jim McNeill, Foster Pepper & Shefelman PLLC, handed out a revised Ordinance No. 4428 and explained the changes.

Amend the ordinance by substituting the revised ordinance provided by bond counsel. Carlson

Affirmed

Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4428. Carlson

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 $4,780,000 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.
Bassett (yes)
Carlson (yes)
Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING - RESOLUTION NO. 2005-37 – SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Mayor Barry opened the public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Public Works Director Akers summarized the agenda report.

There being no public testimony, Mayor Barry closed the public hearing.

Adopt Resolution No. 2005-37. Bassett

Affirmed

**ORDINANCE NO. 4426 – 2006 BUDGET**

At the December 5, 2005 meeting, the City Council gave Ordinance No. 4426 first reading and amended the ordinance by reducing the authorized expenditures of the Arts Commission by $3,700.

Include the amendments to the ordinance as shown on Page 42 of the Council Agenda. Carlson

Affirmed

**Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4426.** Carlson

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

Bassett (yes) Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Collins (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Perrie (yes)
Barry (yes)

Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-38 – 2006 PAY PLAN
The proposed resolution would establish a pay plan for non-union employees for fiscal year 2006.
Adopt Resolution No. 2005-38. Carlson

Affirmed

The proposed resolution would authorize the write-off of uncollectible utility accounts, ambulance accounts, parking citations, and miscellaneous invoices for fiscal year 2005.

Affirmed

APPLICATION FOR THE WASHINGTON STATE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT LOCAL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM
The City has been selected as one of twelve jurisdictions in the State of Washington to be eligible to participate in a competitive application process for a Justice Assistance Grant of up to $9,999 for use in public safety projects in our community.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Justice Assistance Grant application. Carlson

Affirmed

AGREEMENT BETWEEN KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2 AND THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSOLIDATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION
The Ellensburg Fire Department (EFD) and Kittitas County Fire District 2 (KCFD 2) have proposed an administrative merger in which the two agencies will share administrative staff. It is proposed that KCFD 2’s Chief, John Sinclair, will assume the role of Fire Chief for both agencies and EFD Chief Rich Elliott will assume the role of Deputy Chief for both agencies.

Approve the administrative consolidation of EFD and KCFD 2. Carlson

Affirmed
MANAGER’S REPORT

Comprehensive Plan Special Meetings

Set the following dates for Special Meetings: February 13, 15, 27, and March 1, 13, 15, 27, and 29, 2006 to discuss the draft Comprehensive Plan. Affirmed

Set Public Hearings

Set public hearings on January 17, 2006 to consider the Sanders Road Annexation, the Wolfe Carlson Annexation, the Piper/Wolford Annexation, and the Elliott Annexation. Affirmed

Budget Carry Forward to 2006 – Traffic Signal Optimization

Approve the carrying forward of the unspent obligation in 2005 to the 2006 traffic signal Carlson optimization project. Affirmed

Discussions with Kittitas County Regarding Library Services Contract

Council agreed to look at all shared and contracted services with Kittitas County and to not modify the existing Library Services Contract at this time.

January Promotion for the Pool and Fitness Center

Approve the discount of regular adult admission by 50 percent on Sundays from January 1–31, 2006 at the Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool. Affirmed

Finance Director Search

Approve up to $85,000 for the City’s new Finance Director position. Perrie

Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee meeting and open house, the Shape Up Kittitas County lunch, and an Animal Shelter Committee meeting.

Suspend Section 2.36.10 of the incremental annual fee increase ordinance for Hal Holmes Center Lillquist
and consider a proposed ordinance on January 3, 2006. Affirmed

Mayor Barry attended the Comprehensive Plan meeting.

**RECESS**

Council recessed to executive session at 9:39 p.m. to discuss pending real estate offers for approximately 10 minutes. Council did expect to reconvene to take action.

At 9:52 p.m., Council returned to regular open meeting.

Postpone consideration of any offers on the City's "Williams property," excluding the 6.48 acre Lillquist flag lot, until after completion of the comprehensive plan. Affirmed

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 9:53 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________ City Clerk