CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session

Date of Meeting: October 9, 2006
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Councilmembers Present: Barry, Bassett, Carlson, Lillquist, and Niner,

Excused Absences: Councilmember Perrie, and Mayor O’Brien.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Clerk Reno; Finance Director Ariwoola; Budget and Accounting Supervisor Snider; Public Works Director Akers; Operations Analyst Dufault, and one member of the audience.

The purpose of the special session is to review the 2007 preliminary budgets for the Public Works Department including the Engineering, Street, Water, Sewer, and Shop, Warehouse & Equipment Divisions.

ENGINEERING

Public Works Director Akers reviewed the preliminary budgets for the Public Works Department and handed out some revised pages. In the Engineering Budget, there are some personnel changes. Since the retirement of the Civil Engineer, one engineer position has been eliminated and replaced with an Engineering Tech. III /Arborist position (Gordon Crane); the Engineering Tech. II/Arborist position has been changed to an Engineering Tech II position (Craig Jones); and Derek Mayo is now the Civil Engineer which is funded through the Water and Sewer Departments. In the Water Department, Dana Lind is now the Cross Connection Control person.

One small change to the Engineering Budget is to move some of the rental payments to warehouse charges and interdept. computer rental.

STREET

The Street Department needs to fill the position that has been vacant since 2002, but the position is not recommended in this budget since the resources are not available. Costs for materials have increased dramatically and some projects have been canceled this year due to the increased costs. The City needs future additional resources for street maintenance.

The proposed capital outlay for sidewalk construction is for the following projects: Residential sidewalk repair ($85,000) and 15th Avenue curb, gutter, sidewalk and handicap ramp construction ($6,500); paverstone sidewalk construction ($20,000) and replace trees downtown – repair curb, planters, and pavers ($20,000) ; and Third and Main parking lot groundwater
sampling ($5,000). In the Sidewalk Improvement Fund, $400,000 is being transferred to Arterial Street for the Mt. View Avenue project.

Council indicated that a new ramp is needed at University Way and Walnut and asked staff to change its priority for residential sidewalk repair, curb cuts and ramps on Fifth Avenue.

The Arterial Street Fund includes an increase in the budget for traffic control devices. Nine arterial street projects are proposed in the 2007 budget as follows: 1) Bridge inspection ($3,000); 2) alley reconstruction ($35,000); 3) methylmethacrylate annual program ($25,000); 4) signal upgrades ($115,000); 5) West Ellensburg/IRRP Trail ($200,000); 6) Chestnut Street construction – Spokane Avenue to Hobert Avenue ($165,000); 7) Mt. View Avenue overlay- Ruby Street to Main Street ($130,000); 8) Mt. View Avenue/Ruby St. improvements (1,982,000); and 9) Engineering transfer ($15,000).

WATER

Staff will be recommending rate increases for water and sewer in 2007.

The 2007 capital outlay projects are as follows: 1) Rodeo Well – pull/rebuild pump and motor ($20,000); 2) Whitney Well – pave parking lot ($8,000); 3) Mt. View Avenue/Ruby Street widening water main extensions/valves/services ($49,000); 4) hydrants ($11,000); 5) Airport Reservoir – cleaning ($4,000); 6) shoring equipment ($7,500); 7) new valve insertions ($20,000); 8) new meter/service installations ($150,000); 9) main line extensions/oversizing agreements ($65,000); 10) new hydrants ($12,000); 11) hydrant adapters ($6,500); and 12) fusion machine ($6,500).

The Water Construction Fund includes Route 10 Well installation and testing ($850,000) and Capitol/Pfenning water main extension ($540,000).

SEWER

Capital projects include: 1) Wastewater Treatment Plant boiler ($50,000) and raw sewage pump station hoist ($4,500); 2) sewer line extensions – main line extensions/oversizing agreements ($50,000) and Mt. View/Ruby Street sewer mains/stubs ($40,000); cured-in-place sewer ($100,000); shoring equipment ($7,500); and R.V. dump station ($20,000).

The Sewer Construction Fund projects are Capitol/Pfenning sewer Main ($520,000) and Wastewater Treatment Plant biosolids thickener ($750,000).

SHOP, WAREHOUSE & EQUIPMENT

Capital expenditures in the Shop, Warehouse & Equipment Division cover equipment purchases and building/facility improvements for a total capital outlay of $119,000. The senior van purchase will be carried over from 2006 in an amount of $70,000.
ADJOURN  Adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Barry Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________ City Clerk