CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting                        March 19, 2007
Time of Meeting                        7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting                      Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue Chief Sinclair; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Hal Holmes Center Manager Neslund; and approximately 11 members of the audience.

Awards and Recognitions

Mayor O'Brien announced that the City has been named a Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mayor O'Brien acknowledged the Real Heroes Event sponsored by the American Red Cross. Mayor O'Brien acknowledged the Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue and Water Department's response to the fire that occurred in a historic building in the City last week.

Agenda Approval

Amend agenda to change Item 5.F to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement O'Brien rather than the Mayor and amend Item 9.A - Ordinance No. 4474 - title paragraph to add "as last amended by Ordinance No. 4458." Affirmed

Approve agenda as amended. 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 - February 26, 2007, Special Session

Approve Minutes - March 5, 2007, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
(1) Board of Adjustment - May 11, 2006 and July 19, 2006

(2) Downtown Task Force - February 22, 2007

C. Approve Request to Hang Banner over University Way for CWU Summer Session from May 1-18, 2007

D. Approve Request from Higher Ways World Outreach to Waive the Rental Fee for the use of Kiwanis Park on April 8, 2007 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. for a Community Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck

E. Authorize City Manager to Execute the Contract Amendment with ESM Consulting Engineers for Mountain View Ave./Ruby Street Improvements

F. Authorize City Manager to Execute Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers for Wastewater Treatment Plant Solids Thickening Improvements

G. Authorize Mayor to execute Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Studio Cascade, Inc. and Reimbursement Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation

H. Authorize Mayor to execute Street Use Permit to Mid State Co-op for new sign installation

I. Award Bid Call 2007-07 for Fire Personal Protective Gear to General Fire

J. Authorize Mayor to Sign Consultant Agreement with Huibregtse, Louman Associates for Capitol Avenue/Pfenning Road/Vantage Highway Water and Sewer Extension 3

K. Approve March 19, 2007 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 82050 Through 82278 in the Total Amount of $3,018,376.11; Electronic Fund Transfer in the Amount of $6,068.25; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 69474 Through 69598 in the Total Amount of $122,586.57; and Direct Deposit in the amount of $102,398.22. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor O'Brien recommended the following appointments: John McClough, Arts Commission and Jon Shellenberger, Planning Commission.

Confirm the Mayor's appointments. Bassett

Affirmed

2006 Report on Performance Benchmarks - House Bill #1756
Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue Fire Chief, John Sinclair gave a report on performance benchmarks for the Fire Department.

**Letter from Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation Naming Ellensburg a 2007 Distinctive Destination by the National Trust for Historic Preservation**

The letter from Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation was acknowledged.

**Letter from Martha Smith requesting Waiver of Park Fee**

Martha Smith is requesting the Council waive the park fee for the use of West Ellensburg Park for the birthday celebration of Doctor Vernie.

Deny the request to waive the fees in the City Park as it is not being consistent with Perrie Parks and Recreation practices. Barry (yes)

Bassett (no)

Carlson (yes)

Lillquist (no)

Niner (no)

Perrie (yes)

O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

**Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues**

Gene Ketzenberg discussed the upcoming "Cruisin for Hospice Car Show". The request for a street closure will be on the next agenda.

**Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance - Cascade Street and Alley Vacation**

Mayor O’Brien opened the public hearing to consider the vacation of Cascade Street and alley east of Cascade Street between Seventh and Railroad Avenues.

City Manager Barkley summarized the agenda report.

Ray Weisbeck, 907 W. 5th, Ellensburg, stated he is not opposed to the proposed vacation, however, he is concerned with the width of Dolarway and believes it needs some improvements.
Council asked questions of staff.

There being no further testimony, Mayor O'Brien closed the public hearing.

Table the vacation request until staff has more time to review the issues presented this evening.

Niner

Motion died for lack of a second.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4475.** Carlson

An ordinance vacating certain public rights of way located in the Northwest quarter Section 03, Township 17 North, Range 18 East, W.M., vacation being located in the City of Ellensburg, County of Kittitas, State of Washington. Affirmed (Niner - no)

**Ordinance No. 4474 - Proposed Comprehensive Plan**

Council gave Ordinance No. 4474, the adopting ordinance for the City's Comprehensive Plan, first reading at the March 5, 2007 meeting.

Amend Ordinance No. 4474 to insert in the title paragraph the reference to "as last amended Carlson by Ordinance No. 4458". Affirmed

Amend the language in the Comprehensive Plan as shown on Pages 59-60 of the Agenda. Carlson Affirmed

**Read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4474 as amended.** Carlson

An ordinance 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. 4458 and set out in Chapter 3.32 of the Ellensburg City Code.

Barry (yes)

Bassett (no)

Carlson (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Niner (no)

Perrie (yes)

O'Brien (yes)
Motion approved.

Council scheduled a Special Session on April 9, 2007 to discuss implementation of the Comprehensive Plan and asked staff to invite the Planning Commission, Downtown Task Force, and Landmarks and Design Commission.

**Proposed Ordinance - Hal Holmes Center Fee Revisions**

The proposed ordinance revisions include adding a Category 5 for Library sponsored and City activities; redefining Categories 1 and 4; and changing the pricing structure for hourly rates for the Hal Holmes Center, City Council Chambers, and Fire Station Conference Room.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4476.** Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Chapter 2.36 "Hal Holmes Center Rates and other meeting facilities rates and fees," and amending Sections 2.36.04, 2.36.08, 2.36.10 and 2.36.12 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code Affirmed

**Proposed Ordinance - LID No. 2004-1 Bond Anticipation Note**

The proposed ordinance is to extend the due date of the current Bond Anticipation Note to December 1, 2007 for Local Improvement District No. 2004-1.

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4477.** Carlson

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, relating to Local Improvement District No. 2004-1, and amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 4440 to extend the term of its Local Improvement District No. 2004-1 Bond Anticipation Note, 2006 (Non-Revolving Line of Credit), dated May 8, 2006, and issued for the purposes of such district, ratifying and confirming Ordinance No. 4440 in all other respects not inconsistent with the terms and purposes of this ordinance; and ratifying and confirming prior actions taken in furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance. Affirmed

**Proposed Resolution - Vacation of Reecer Avenue - Set Public Hearing**

The proposed resolution sets April 16, 2007 as a public hearing date to consider vacation of Reecer Avenue located at the north end of Currier Street.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-15. Carlson

Affirmed

**Off-Leash Park Location**

Staff is recommending to Council that the off-leash park be located on the 17 acres of City owned property along Ringer Loop Road.
Approve the Ringer Loop site as the future location of the proposed ff-leash park. Carlson
Affirmed

MANAGER'S REPORT

Request to Set Public Hearings

Set April 2, 2007 as the public hearing date for the Snowden Annexation. Carlson
Affirmed

Set April 2, 2007 as the public hearing date for the annexation of approximately 9.8 acres Carlson adjacent to and on both sides of Sanders Road. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember Barry attended the AWC Legislative Conference, the Utility Advisory Committee meeting, Critical Areas Ordinance Committee meetings, and the City/County Breakfast.

Councilmember Bassett attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist asked about a letter from Edward Sims requesting the City waive delinquent fees owed on a Local Improvement District. The City Attorney is investigating the matter.

Councilmember Niner asked staff to provide current floodplain maps for the Sanders Road Annexation.

Mayor O'Brien took a tour of the Fairpoint Communications facilities.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Carlson
Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk