CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting        April 2, 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; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Planning Associate Eyerly; Energy Services Director Titus; Youth Program Coordinator Spence; Hal Holmes Office Manager Neslund; and approximately 16 members of the audience.

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 - March 9, 2007, Special Session

B. Approve Minutes - March 19, 2007, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Board of Adjustment - February 23, 2006

(2) Environmental Commission - February 21, 2007

(3) Landmarks & Design Commission - February 20, 2007 and March 6, 2007

(4) Library Board - February 13, 2007

(5) Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission - February 15, 2007

(6) Planning Commission - March 8, 2007
C. Approve Request to Hang Banner over University Way for Underground Music Festival from April 3-7, 2007

D. Approve Request from Eagles to use West Ellensburg Park and Shelter on April 7, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt

E. Approve Request from Cascade Land Conservancy to use the Rotary Pavilion on May 18, 2007 for a Community Breakfast Rally

F. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Kittitas County for the Coordination of Building Inspection Services

G. Award Bid Call 2007-05 - Wastewater Treatment Plant Gravity Belt Thickener Upgrade to MRM Construction in the Total Amount of $600,966

H. Accept Bid Call 2006-34 - School Zone Flashing Beacons Project as Complete

I. Approve Noise Waiver Application for CWU Music Department on July 13-14, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the CWU Music Building

J. Approve Street Closure Application for Kittitas Valley Cruisers for Pine Street Between Third and Fourth Avenues and from Third and Pine Streets to Ruby Street on June 2, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Cruisin for Hospice Open Car Show

K. Accept Bid Call 2006-29 - Community Solar Electric Project as Complete

L. Authorize Mayor to Sign Request for Full Reconveyance without Satisfaction for Debt for Herman and Michelle Cyrus dba Smo'kin Joe's Bar BQ

M. Approve Continuation of Street Use Permit with Jack Wadkins at 304 South Water Street

N. Award Bid Call 2007-12 - Electrical Underground Residential Distribution Cable Purchase to WESCO for Okonite Cable

O. Award Bid Call 2007-09 - Electrical Distribution Transformers to General Pacific for Schedule A Padmounted Transformers by Howard

P. Approve April 2, 2007 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 82279 Through 82489 in the Total Amount of $1,654,679.64; Electronic Fund Transfer in the Amount of $5,822.50; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 69599 Through 69723 in the Total Amount of $134,582.46; and Direct Deposit in the amount of $111,767.68. Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Introductions**
Jill Arango and Ken Evans spoke regarding their interest in serving on the Environmental Commission and Planning Commission.

Stu Spence, Youth Program Coordinator, reported back to the Council regarding the Ellensburg Youth Forum held at Ellensburg High School on March 10.

Representatives from the Farmer’s Market addressed the Council regarding their need for more operating space in downtown Ellensburg. They have expressed interest in closing 4th Avenue between Pearl Street and Pine Street during Market operating hours on Saturdays during the 2007 operating season, and potentially relocating to the parking lots at 6th and Pearl for 2008.

Approve street closure application for Kittitas County Farmers Market from May 5, 2007 through October 27, 2007 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Affirmed

The Ellensburg Downtown Association has requested that Council consider adoption of an ordinance to encourage multi-family development in neighborhood commercial areas. Such an ordinance would exempt qualifying improvements from ad valorem property taxes for 10 years, as authorized in RCW Chapter 84. The purpose of this ordinance would be to stimulate new construction and rehabilitation of vacant and underused buildings for multi-family housing in downtown Ellensburg.

Ask staff to prepare a draft ordinance for Ellensburg for the Council to consider. Perrie

Affirmed

Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

David and Sherry Kaufman spoke regarding pedestrian safety.

Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance - Snowden Annexation - West Umptanum Road

Mayor O’Brien opened the public hearing to consider the Snowden Annexation on West Umptanum Road.

Planning Associate Eyerly summarized the agenda report.

Jeff Slothower, 201 W. 7th, representing Mr. Martin who purchased the property, stated they fully support the annexation and request C-H zoning.

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

Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4478. Perrie

An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Ellensburg, Washington, and assigning Commercial Highway (C-H) zoning classification. Affirmed
Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance - Sanders Road Annexation

Mayor O'Brien opened the public hearing to consider the Sanders Road Annexation.

Planning Associate Eyerly summarized the agenda report.

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

**Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4479.** Carlson

An ordinance annexing certain territory to the City of Ellensburg, Washington, and assigning Residential Suburban (R-S) zoning classification. Affirmed

**Ordinance No. 4476 - 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. Council gave Ordinance No. 4476 first reading at the March 19, 2007 meeting.

**Read for the second time and adopt 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. Barry (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Niner (yes)

Perrie (yes)

O'Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

**Ordinance No. 4477 - 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. Council gave Ordinance No. 4477 first reading at the March 19, 2007 meeting.
Read for the second time and adopt 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. Barry (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Niner (yes)

Perrie (yes)

O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

Proposed Resolution - Police Department Surplus Property

The proposed resolution declares seven old in-car cameras in need of being disposed of as surplus property and authorizes these items to be donated to the Cle Elum Police Department.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-16. Carlson

Affirmed

Proposed Resolution - Set Public Hearing to Consider West Ellensburg Park Alley Vacation

The proposed resolution sets May 7, 2007 as a public hearing date for the West Ellensburg Park alley vacation.

Adopt Resolution No. 2007-17. Carlson

Affirmed

Request for Status Change of Field Engineer Position

The Field Engineer position in Energy Services was established in 2006 and filled on a contractual basis utilizing retired employees in a job sharing capacity. Energy Services would like to establish a salary range for this position and supplement the budgets for Light and Gas to cover additional
staffing costs for 2007.

Authorize that the status of the Field Engineer position be changed to regular full time Carlson with a salary range of $4,622 - $6,163/mo. and further, authorize the 2007 budgets for both Light and Gas be increased by $20,000 to accommodate the status change and the ability to continue to use part time retirees through the end of the year. Affirmed

MANAGER'S REPORT

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

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

Council discussed the Critical Areas Ordinance Committee and indicated that after the draft has been written, the Committee will gather one more time and offer comments or changes to staff.

Councilmember Niner left the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Main Street Conference, Sub-basin Planning and Salmon Recovery Board meeting, and Animal Control Committee meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist asked Council to request staff develop a recommendation for the Law and Justice 3/10 of 1 percent sales tax so voters know what the City would do with the money if it were passed. Staff will follow up on the request.

Mayor O'Brien attended the Utility Advisory Committee meeting, the City/County Breakfast, and the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Board meeting.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________
City Clerk