CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session
Date of Meeting: July 9, 2007
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Councilmembers Present: Barry, Bassett, Niner, and Mayor O’Brien

Councilmembers Absent: Carlson and Perrie

Excused Absence: Councilmember Lillquist.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Clerk Reno; Public Works Director Akers; and four members of the audience.

STORMWATER UTILITY POLICY OPTIONS AND RATE STRUCTURE

The purpose of the study session is discussion of alternative rate structures and policy options the City should consider as it develops a stormwater utility ordinance and a system of user fees.

Public Works Director Akers discussed the Technical Memorandum from Otak that was included in the agenda. Also included in the memo was a table that provided an overview of the stormwater utility considerations and options. Initial consultant recommendations were provided as well as rationale as to why a particular utility policy or funding issue has been recommended. Also included were conditions warranting waivers, credits, and exemptions, along with recommended percent reductions for qualifying properties.

Council and staff discussed Issues 1-25 contained in the Table for Stormwater Utility Policy & Funding Issues and Initial Consultant Recommendations.

Fennelle Miller asked questions regarding zoning and requirements for residential and commercial properties.

Council further discussed the issues contained in the Table.

Public Works Director Akers discussed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements.

Staff will bring back a proposed ordinance to Council regarding a stormwater utility.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Barry

Affirmed
Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk