CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
August 6, 2007

Date of Meeting
August 6, 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, Perrie and Mayor O’Brien.

Excused absence: Councilmember Niner.

Others present were Acting City Manager Titus; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; City Engineer Lyyski; Finance Director Ariwoola; Police Chief Miller; and approximately eight members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to add a noise waiver application from William Amo at 1900 N. Water on Carlson August 11, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. under Item 5.N. Affirmed

Motion to 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.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Carlson

A. Approve Minutes – July 16, 2007, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Cable Television Commission – January 17, February 21, and March 21, 2007

(2) Environmental Commission – June 20, 2007

(3) Library Board – April 10, 2007 and June 12, 2007

(4) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – January 3, March 7, and April 4, 2007

(5) Utility Advisory Committee – January 11, February 15, March 29, and April 26, 2007
C. Award Bid Call 2007-04 – Dolarway 115KV Substation Construction to Moza Construction, Inc.

D. Approve Noise Waiver Application from Kittitas Valley Community Hospital at Mt. View Park on August 10, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

E. Approve Amendment of Personal Services Contract with Dan Davis

F. Authorize the Mayor to sign the revised Questar Pipeline Company Stipulation and Agreement

G. Approve Request from Ellensburg Rodeo Board for a Street Use Permit for the South End of Alder Street at the End of 8th Avenue from the afternoon of August 29, 2007 through September 4, 2007

H. Approve Request from Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce to Close Pine Street between 3rd & 4th Avenues and 4th Avenue between Pine and Pearl Streets on September 18, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for 2007 Annual “Bite of the Burg”

I. Approve Excused Absence for Councilmember Niner from August 6, 2007 Meeting

J. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Implementation Agreement with PUD #1 of Kittitas County for CFL Lighting Rebate Program

K. Adopt Resolution No. 2007-28 Authorizing the Removal of a Street Tree at 902 E. Capitol Avenue

L. Approve Noise Waiver Application from Larry Nickel at the Rotary Pavilion on September 18, 2007 from Noon to 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to Midnight

M. Approve August 6, 2007 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 839911Through 84272 in the Total Amount of $1,466,482.93; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 70648 Through 70779 in the Total Amount of $111,646.85; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $111,646.85; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,982.50.

N. Approve noise waiver application from William Amo at 1900 N. Water on August 11, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Affirmed

**Letter from Diana Tasker, Ellensburg Chamber Cowboys Regarding Street Closure Request and Double Cross Ordinance**

Motion to amend resolution to change Double Cross to Triple Cross. Lilquist

Affirmed

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-29. Carlson

Affirmed

Motion to approve street closure application from Chamber Cowboys to Close Pearl Street between
Carlson

Fourth and Fifth Avenues and Fourth Avenue between Main and Pearl Streets on 8-18-07 from 5:00 a.m. to Noon. Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Applications**

Brian Cullinane spoke regarding his interest in serving on the Board of Adjustment. Gus Foster notified staff that he was unable to attend this meeting for introductions.

**Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues**

Larry Nickel, 317 ½ N. Pearl asked about Late Night Task Force documents. He also asked about the public participation plan the city is following for Regional Retail Development Regulations.

**Ordinance No. 4489 – Condemnation of Electric Utility Easement at North Half of Vacated 7th Avenue - 2nd Reading and Adoption – Dolarway Substation 115 KV Improvement Project**

Council gave Ordinance No. 4489 first reading at the July 16, 2007 meeting. The ordinance provides for the acquisition by condemnation of an electric utility easement for a portion of property located at 704 Cascade Street.

Councilmember Lillquist recused herself from the meeting.

**Motion to read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4489.** Carlson

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to and providing for the acquisition by condemnation of an electric utility easement and other property rights in Ellensburg, Kittitas County, Washington for use in the Dolarway substation improvement project, to be financed by the City’s capital expenditures account for electrical improvements. Barry (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)

Perrie (yes)

O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

Councilmember Lillquist returned to the meeting.

**Proposed Ordinance – Traffic Code Revisions**

The proposed ordinance reflects various changes generated by request, staff suggestion, new
development and existing conditions on the street system that are proposed to be amended in the traffic code.

Motion to read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4490. Carlson

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Chapter 8 “Traffic” and amending Subsections 8.10.020, 8.12.020, 8.16.020, 8.28.040, 8.30.20, 8.34.020, 8.42.020, 8.36.040, and 8.44.020. Affirmed

Proposed Ordinance – Adoption of State Mandated Net Metering and Interconnection Standards

State law requires the City to provide net metering to any customer who requests interconnection of their generation facilities, 100 KW or less, to the City’s distribution system. The proposed ordinance adopts standards to provide for safe and consistent interconnections.

Motion to Read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4491. Carlson

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to the interconnection of electric generating facilities with a maximum generating capacity of less than or equal to 100 kilowatts to the City of Ellensburg’s electric utility system. Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Itron ERT - Sole Source Supplier

The proposed resolution would establish Itron as the sole source supplier of Encoder Receiver Transmitters (ERT’s) for the City’s automated meter reading system.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2007-30. Carlson

Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Establishing Cogsdale Corporation as a Sole Source Supplier

The utility billing and financial software that the City purchased from Cogsdale Corporation is highly integrated and upgrades and enhancements to the product need to be purchased from Cogsdale. The proposed resolution establishes Cogsdale Corporation as a sole source supplier.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2007-31. Carlson

Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Interfund Loan from Water Fund to Sewer Fund

The proposed resolution authorizes a short term loan from the Water Utility to the Sewer Utility for the Wastewater Treatment Plant sludge handling system project.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2007-32. Carlson
Late Night Task Force Discussion

Chief Miller and the City Council continued discussion of the Downtown Public Safety Task Force. Council requested that a member be appointed from the Ellensburg Downtown Association not the Economic Development Association. They also requested that the chief will be the Ellensburg Police Department representative and the Chair of the Task Force. The Chief will also select the members of the Task Force.

Larry Nickel stated that he believes the City Council should make the appointments to the Task Force.

2006 Actuarial Valuation Report on Firefighters’ Pension Fund

Finance Director Ariwoola gave a report on the 2006 actuarial valuation of the Firefighters’ Pension Fund. The study shows that the funding of the pension plan is not adequate to support the required payments and will further deteriorate in the future. The unfunded liability is projected to be $679,000.

No action was required to be taken. Staff will address this issue in the 2008 Budget.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Transportation Enhancement Grant Submittal – West Ellensburg/Irene Rinehart Park Trail Project

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has amended the funding year 2007 program and the City is eligible to submit a request for unit cost escalation on this project.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant application to the 2007 Transportation Carlson Enhancement Grant Program. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Barry attended the Utility Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Bassett attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Carlson gave a Sanda City update.

Councilmember Lillquist attended the Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting, the Animal Shelter committee meeting, and the Yakima Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist requested that the Council do a performance review for the City Manager.
Mayor O’Brien attended a study session on underage alcohol abuse, a HopeSource fundraiser dinner, and the City/County Breakfast.

Mayor O’Brien requested that the staff members responsible for boards and commissions, submit the minutes to the Council in a timely manner.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 8:29 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________

City Clerk