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; Energy Services Director Titus; City Clerk Reno; City Engineer Lyyski; Finance Director Ariwoola; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Community Development Director Witkowski; and approximately 20 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to amend the agenda as follows: 1) Add a letter from CWU regarding flagpole signage Carlson as 6.E; 2) add a memorandum from Nancy Lillquist regarding Non-motorized Transportation Plan Proposal as 6.F; and 3) remove 9.C – proposed resolution – surplus computer monitors. 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 – August 6, 2007, Regular Session

Approve Minutes – August 9, 2007, Special Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Board of Adjustment – June 30, 2007


(3) Planning Commission – August 9, 2007

C. Authorize Addenda to the Task Order and Contract with D Hittle & Associates at an Estimated Cost of $17,776 for the Dolarway Substation Project
D. Approve Request from Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers to use Memorial Park on May 3, 2008

E. Authorize Mayor to Sign Contract Extension until May 6, 2009 with Olympic Credit Service, Inc. for Collection Services

F. Accept Resignation from Ed Lapsley, Utility Advisory Committee and Authorize Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

G. Approve August 20, 2007 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 84273 Through 84485 in the Total Amount of $878,540.47; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 70780 Through 70913 in the Total Amount of $155,410.40; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $120,697.11; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,982.50. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor O’Brien recommended that Brian Cullinane be appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Confirm Mayor’s appointment. Bassett

Affirmed

Letter from Patti Johnson, Kittitas County Solid Waste Regarding Request for a Letter of Support for “Alternatives to Burning” Grant Application

Motion to authorize staff to draft and Mayor to sign a letter to send to Patti Johnson with City support Carlson

for the grant application. Affirmed

Letter from Al Moss, Rotary Club Regarding Use of West Ellensburg Park on April 24, 2008

The Rotary Club is requesting the use of the Rotary Youth Fields and a permit to serve alcoholic beverages at West Ellensburg Park on April 24, 2008.

Motion to approve Rotary Club and Morning Rotary Club to use Rotary Youth Fields at West Perrie Ellensburg Park on April 24, 2008. Affirmed

Council requested staff send the request to serve alcoholic beverages to the Parks and Recreation Commission for input and advice and return with a recommendation to Council.

Letter from Pat Kelleher Regarding Contract for Electrical Services with CWU

Mr. Kelleher will discuss his letter under Agenda Item 11.E.
Memorandum from Becky Watson, CWU Regarding Flagpole Signage and “Paw Print” for Downtown Ellensburg

Central Washington University is proposing to put up temporary, but recurrent flagpole signage in the downtown area and painting temporary “paw prints” in the downtown intersections during special events.

Approve concept and ask staff to work out details for program and bring back a recommendation to Perrie

Council and include Ellensburg Downtown Association in discussion. Affirmed

Memorandum from Nancy Lillquist Regarding Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Proposal

Councilmember Lillquist is requesting Council allow her to take the lead in developing a Non-motorized Transportation Plan with a committee of the Council’s choosing.

Authorize creation of a Non-motorized Transportation Committee and solicitation of volunteers to Perrie

serve on the Committee. Affirmed

Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Max Faulkner, President of Ellensburg Gaming, asked Council for its support of the card room zoning bill, ESSB 5558.

Public Hearing, Proposed Ordinance – Vacating Third Avenue between Railroad Avenue and BNSF Railway

Mayor O’Brien opened the public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of Third Avenue between Railroad Avenue and BNSF Railway.

City Engineer Lyyski summarized the agenda report.

Chris Schambacher, 218 Dennis, speaking for himself, read a letter into the record and submitted a petition requesting that the request to vacate Third Avenue at Railroad Avenue be denied at this time.

Erin Condit, 218 Dennis, read a letter from Jon Wikan into the record.

Mickey Wood, West Ellensburg, voiced concern about flooding in the area.

Andrew Cottonwood, 704 W. 2nd, signed the petition and is concerned about commercial traffic on Dennis and Railroad and future development impacts.

Dan Clifton, property owner to the north of the proposed vacated Third Avenue, stated they have no
intention of bringing in any fill and their only intention is to put in a fence.

Ken Voshall stated he owns the property adjoining Dan Clifton’s property and he is the applicant of the proposed vacation. Mr. Voshall purchased the property 10 years ago and was under the assumption that he owned the property until two years ago when the City notified him that he did not own it. He also stated that he has never brought in fill in the area.

City Attorney Pidduck provided background information on the property.

Council asked questions of staff.

Erin Condit and Ken Voshall spoke again.

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

Motion to request staff answer the questions regarding flooding and whether leaving this property in City ownership would assist the flooding issues in West Ellensburg. Affirmed

Council continued the public hearing until September 17, 2007.

Motion to request the Planning Commission review the zoning in light of seeing if they can buffer or minimize the impact of industrial use from Second Avenue to Fifth Avenue. Affirmed

**Ordinance No. 4490 – 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. Council held first reading of Ordinance No. 4490 at the August 6, 2007 meeting.

Motion to amend Ordinance No. 4490 to include the language in the agenda on Page 48 in Carlson

Section 8.12.02 Parking Restricted – Times and Days. Affirmed

**Motion to read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4490 as amended.** 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. Barry (yes)

Bassett (yes)

Carlson (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Niner (yes)
Perrie (yes)
O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

Ordinance No. 4491 – 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. Council gave Ordinance No. 4491 first reading at the August 6, 2007 meeting.

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

Bassett (yes)
Carlson (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Niner (yes)
Perrie (yes)
O’Brien (yes)

Motion approved.

Western Electric Coordination Council Compliance Consulting Services

Federal requirements for electric utility reliability are administered in the west by the Western Electric Coordination Council (WECC). Currently the City is required to comply with standards promulgated by the National Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and needs assistance to do so. The City would like to use the consulting firm of EES Consulting Inc. (EES) to assist us with compliance.

Motion to authorize Energy Services to employ EES Consulting Inc. to provide City Light with Carlson
general oversight, development of compliance plans & procedures, and development of a formalized filing system for an estimated cost of $5,000. Affirmed

**Easement Agreement with Kittitas County PUD and Wheeling Agreement #4 with Kittitas County PUD**

The Kittitas County PUD (PUD) requires an easement and a wheeling agreement in order to serve new load from Anderson Hay. The City is unable to serve this load directly but has sufficient electrical capacity to pick up this load without detriment to our other customers. The easement agreement is for City owned property leased to the County for the transfer station and would be used by the PUD to construct an overhead power line.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Easement Agreement with Kittitas County PUD Carlson and authorize the Energy Services Director to sign Wheeling Agreement #4 with Kittitas County PUD.

Affirmed

**North End Neighborhood Park Name and Changing the Name of Memorial Park**

The Parks and Recreation Commission is recommending to Council that the new north end park be named “Alder Street Park” and the playground at the new park be named after Dr. Vernie, a long-time Ellensburg pediatrician. In addition, they recommend changing the name of the existing “Memorial Park” to “Veteran’s Memorial Park”.

Motion to name the new neighborhood Park “North Alder Street Park”; name the playground at the new park “Dr. Rudolph Vernie Playground”; and change the name of “Memorial Park” to “Veteran’s Memorial Park”. Affirmed

**Critical Areas – Continued Public Participation and Contract for Services**

The proposed contract would allow the City to produce a review report of Best Available Science in the areas of wetlands, riparian and wildlife habitat, critical aquifer recharge areas, geological hazards, and floodplains which would help support the development of a critical areas ordinance amendment.

Motion to authorize expenditure not to exceed $40,000 for contract with Golder and Associates Carlson for services and other related expenses to development of Critical Areas Ordinance. Affirmed

Staff also outlined the proposed continuation timeline for public review and development of critical areas ordinance amendments. Staff will return to Council with more detail in September.
Central Washington University (CWU) Power Sales Agreement

After many months of negotiation, the City and CWU have reached agreement on a new ten year Power Sales Agreement.

Pat Kelleher discussed his letter that was included in the agenda.

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Power Sales Agreement with CWU. Carlson

Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Barkley discussed the Manager’s Report.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 10:28 p.m. Perrie

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________

City Clerk