ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Bassett, Bottcher, Miller, Niner, O'Brien, Tabb, and Mayor Lillquist.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Community Development Director Witkowski; Energy Services Director Titus; Parks and Recreation Director Case; and approximately 20 members of the audience.

Proclamations

Mayor Lillquist read the proclamation for “Peace Corps Week – February 25 – March 3, 2008”.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Bassett

Affirmed

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda with the following changes: 1) Add University Way Banner Miller request for Showtime at the McConnell from February 19 – March 3, 2008 to 5.I; 2) Amend Item 5.E – Agreement with IBEW Local No. 77 to replace agreement as handed out this evening; 3) Move Item 5.A – Minutes of January 25, 2008 to Item 11.D; 4) Move Item 5.G – Application to exceed maximum block length to Item 11.C. 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: Miller

A. Approve Minutes – February 4, 2008, Regular Session B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Adult Activity Center Advisory Commission – December 11, 2007

C. Authorize Reimbursement to MDJ Development in the amount of $7,100.22 for Costs Associated with Increasing the Sewer Size from 8” to 10” in Phase II of the Vista View Estates Plat
D. Authorize Energy Services Director to Sign Agreement with CWU for IT Network Support

E. Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter of Agreement with IBEW Local No. 77

F. Authorize Mayor to Sign Revision No. 4 to Exhibit C of BPA Network Integration Transmission Service Agreement

G. Approve February 19, 2008 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 86880 Through 87062 in the Total Amount of $1,518,082.92; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 71752 Through 71868 in the Total Amount of $131,529.25; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $127,684.38; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,682.50.


Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor Lillquist stated she will postpone appointments for the Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board until next month. Also, Betsy Billeter and Jeannette Williams have withdrawn their names from the list of applicants.

Mayor Lillquist recommended the following appointments: Robert Tomlinson, Arts Commission and Susan Grindle, Landmarks & Design Commission.

Motion to approve Mayor’s appointments. Bassett

Affirmed

List of Suggested Changes to Permitted Uses in the Light Industrial Zone Submitted by Bob Hansen

The following people spoke regarding the list of suggested changes to permitted uses in the Light Industrial Zone: Bob Hansen, Martin Kaatz, Ron Cridlebaugh, Robert Terrell, and Larry Nickel.

Motion to direct the Planning Commission to review all zoning related to industrial uses with Tabb an appropriate recommendation to Council. Affirmed

Letter from Mark Anderson of Anderson Hay and Grain Requesting Clarification of the Council’s Intentions Regarding His Interest in Purchasing Property from the City in West Ellensburg

The Council and staff discussed the letter from Mark Anderson, Anderson Hay and Grain regarding purchasing property from the City in West Ellensburg.
Larry Nickel and Bob Hansen spoke regarding the letter.

Motion to set a special meeting on March 10 to discuss the disposition of City’s West Miller Ellensburg property and invite relevant commissions including the EBDA and Mr. Anderson. Affirmed

Memorandum from Landmarks & Design Commission Regarding Action Taken at February 5, 2008 Meeting

The Landmarks and Design Commission recommends to City Council an application to the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for a grant to be used for updating and possible amendment to the boundaries of the Downtown Historic National Register District.

Council consensus was for Councilmember Miller and Ms. Lentz to have a conversation with the Landmarks and Design Commission regarding grant applications.

Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Derrick Peacock, Vice President for Community Affairs, ASCWU, discussed concerns of students related to the speed limit, lighting, and lack of sidewalks in the area near the apartment complex at 2420 Airport Road.

Mary Scott spoke about the Peace Corps Proclamation that was on the agenda earlier this evening.

Larry Nickel spoke about the request for demolition for the Hubbell Building. They are requesting, as part of the mitigation that they want to do, that Council refer it back to the Landmarks and Design Commission for the possibility of doing an economic analysis as identified in the Landmarks Ordinance.

Mr. Nickel stated he has discovered that the Fire Marshal or Fire Department does not have the authority to actually write citations for fire code violations. He believes that the City, through the Police Department is the responsible authority for writing these violation tickets, and requested clarification as to who has the proper authority.

Mr. Nickel spoke about the meetings with the County Commissioners that have been taken off the table. He believes the County and City should enter into formal meetings and negotiations on a variety of issues.

Proposed Ordinance – Environmental Commission Amendments

At the February 4, 2008 meeting, the City Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration that would increase to four from three, the number of Environmental Commission members who may be non-residents of the City, no more than two of whom may reside outside of the
City’s Urban Growth Area.

**Motion to read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4509.** Bassett

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg Environmental Commission and amending Sections 1.60.120 and 1.60.240 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code. Affirmed

Council asked staff to determine if Ms. Stryker is eligible to be appointed to the Environmental Commission.

Council took a brief recess at 8:53 p.m. for 10 minutes. Council then recessed to executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes.

At 9:19 p.m., Council returned to the regular meeting.

Motion to extend the executive session for 10 more minutes. O’Brien

Affirmed

Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:31 p.m.

**Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4497 by Deleting Vesting Provisions**

At its February 4, 2008 regular meeting, the City Council directed staff to pursue steps for the possible consideration of an ordinance adopting a moratorium on the acceptance of any new applications for development under the Regional Retail Ordinance, No. 4497, which ordinance is presently the subject of an appeal before the Eastern Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. Staff has done so, and concluded that removal of the vesting provisions from Ordinance No. 4497 would have the same effect as a moratorium.

The following audience members spoke regarding the proposed ordinance: Dale Jurgens, Milt Johnston, Derrick Peacock, Mike Pearson, and Martin Kaatz.

*Motion to read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4510, which would remove the vesting provisions from Ordinance No. 4497.*


Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)
Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center Facility Hours

Staff is requesting to reduce the Saturday operating hours at the Ellensburg Racquet & Recreation Center (ERRC) from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. to a 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. schedule.

Motion to approve the request to change the Saturday operating hours at the ERRC to take effect O’Brien on March 1, 2008. Affirmed

Non-Exclusive Agreement Between the City of Ellensburg and Yakima Valley Credit Union to Place an ATM Machine at Ellensburg Public Library

Staff has prepared a proposed agreement with Yakima Valley Credit Union to locate their ATM machine at the Library.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with Yakima Valley Credit Miller Union to locate their ATM machine on the City’s property. Affirmed

Authorize Applicant to Exceed Maximum Block Length by Approximately 214 feet for the Alliance Short Plat #2

The City’s Public Works Development Standards have a maximum block length of 1,200 feet. The project applicant of the Alliance Short Plat #2 is requesting Council consideration to exceed the maximum block length by approximately 214 feet.

Motion to authorize applicant to exceed the maximum block length by approximately Miller 214 feet. Affirmed

Approve Minutes – January 25, 2008, Special Session

Council requested the following corrections to the January 25, 2008 Special Session: 1) Under Set Priorities and Calendars, add the following: “Council sorted list by department. Departments having
only a few work items were not prioritized”; 2) Add “for Community Development” after To Do List items; and 3) After first two bullet items add the word “required”.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 25, 2008 as amended. Bassett

Affirmed

Manager’s Report

Special Meeting

Motion to schedule a special meeting with the Cable Television Commission on O’Brien

March 24, 2008. Affirmed

Membership Requirements for City Boards and Commissions

Staff provided a list of City boards and commissions and their respective membership requirements.

Council directed staff to bring back information regarding the make-up of the Arts Commission, Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, and Ellensburg Business Development Authority. If there are no legal requirements, staff is to bring back an ordinance to require a majority of those members to be City residents. Council asked staff to contact the boards and commissions and ask their opinions regarding the residency requirements and invite them to the meeting.

Resignation of Mike Luvera

Sgt. Mike Luvera has resigned his position to accept an appointment to a lieutenant position with the CWU Police Department.

Council directed staff to draft a letter of appreciation to Mike Luvera signed by all councilmembers and honor him at the next meeting.

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Miller attended a County Homelessness Committee meeting and is involved with the Ellensburg Downtown Association Economic Restructuring Committee.

Councilmember Niner attended a Critical Areas Ordinance Committee meeting and a Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Board meeting.

Councilmember O’Brien attended an Emergency Medical Services Council meeting and a Chamber of Commerce Board meeting. Councilmember O’Brien discussed the AWC Legislative Bulletin and will work with the City Manager and City Attorney regarding issues that pertain to the City.
Councilmember Tabb gave an update on the Ellensburg Business Development Authority. Also, he has contacted the School Board for a meeting with the Council, but they have not responded with a date yet.

Mayor Lillquist reported on the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee and the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 11:12 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________

City Clerk