CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting April 7, 2008
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Senior Planner Smith; Sergeant Koss; Police Chief Miller; and approximately 35 members of the audience.

Proclamations

Mayor Lillquist read a proclamation for “National Public Health Week”.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Miller
Affirmed

Mayor Lillquist read a proclamation for “Arbor Day”.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Bassett
Approved

Awards and Recognitions

City Manager Barkley recognized Brett Koss for his promotion to Sergeant.

Agenda Approval

Approve agenda. O’Brien

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: O’Brien

A. Approve Minutes – March 10, 2008, Special Session

Approve Minutes – March 17, 2008, Regular Session
Approve Minutes – March 24, 2008, Special Session

Approve Minutes – March 27, 2008, Special Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions


(2) Cable Television Commission – February 20, 2008

(3) Landmarks & Design Commission – February 12, 2008; March 4, 2008; and March 18, 2008

(4) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – February 6, 2008


(6) Utility Advisory Committee – February 21, 2008

(7) Environmental Commission – February 20, 2008

C. Approve University Way Banner Request for “Student Appreciation Day” from May 19-26, 2008

D. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-12 – Don Clausen Tree Removal Request at 1007 E. 3rd Avenue

E. Authorize Mayor to Sign the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Kittitas County

F. Approve April 7, 2008 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 87436 Through 87673 in the Total Amount of $1,989,335.22; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 73498 Through 73611 in the Total Amount of $114,604.61; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $129,921.63; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,482.50. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Applications

Robyn Hull spoke regarding her interest in serving on the Arts Commission. Judith Kleck has withdrawn her application. Mayor Lillquist recommended Robyn Hull be appointed tonight as requested by the Arts Commission because of quorum issues.

Motion to approve Mayor’s appointment tonight. Bassett

Affirmed

Request from Gene Ketzenberg to Expand Street Closure for “Cruisin for Hospice Car Show”

Gene Ketzenberg is requesting to expand the street closure that was previously approved by the Council by closing Pine Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues.
Mr. Ketzenberg will return in two weeks with a revised plan after he has contacted the rest of the businesses on Pine Street.

Letter from Edna Madsen, Clymer Museum Regarding Downtown Parking Waiver

Edna Madsen, Clymer Museum, is asking for a waiver of parking from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on April 26, 2008 on Pearl Street from Fourth to Sixth Avenues and on Fifth Avenue from alley to alley.

Motion to suspend the two-hour parking limit in downtown area on April 26, 2008. Niner

Affirmed

Motion to refer this to the Downtown Task Force to consider developing a process by which Miller parking enforcement can be waived for special events. Affirmed

Letter from Erin Hofmann and Heather Huswick Regarding Promotional Event for Clymer Museum

The Clymer Museum and Applied Public Relations Class at Central Washington University are planning a promotional event to raise money to renovate the Clymer Museum’s upstairs ballroom and offices. A request for a street closure and noise waiver will be submitted at a later date.

Communication from Planning Commission Regarding Temporary Construction Offices in Single Family Homes

At the March 13, 2008 meeting, the Planning Commission moved to recommend that City Council not approve any amendment to the City Code that would permit temporary construction offices in single family homes within a subdivision.

Council discussed the recommendation and accepted the Planning Commission’s recommendation.

Activities Report from the Ellensburg Downtown Association

Mary Young-Ness and Timothy Bishop discussed the activities report for the Ellensburg Downtown Association.

Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Fritz Glover discussed the Ellensburg Downtown Association, Ellensburg Business Development Authority, and economic development issues.

Ordinance No. 4513 – Driver & Gunderson Annexation – N. Pfenning Road

Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4513 at the March 17, 2008 meeting. The proposed
ordinance would annex property totaling 2.51 acres together with 275.10 feet of Pfenning Road right-of-way.

**Motion to read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4513.** O'Brien

AN ORDINANCE annexing certain territory to the City of Ellensburg, Washington, and assigning Residential Suburban zoning classification. Bassett(yes)

Bottcher(yes)

Miller (yes)

Niner(yes)

O'Brien(yes)

Tabb(yes)

Lillquist(yes)

Motion approved.

**Ordinance No. 4514 – Amending the Violations Section of the International Fire Code**

The proposed ordinance would restore criminal penalty provisions of the 2006 Edition of the International Fire Code (IFC) which were inadvertently deleted when City Council adopted the IFC on June 18, 2007. Council gave Ordinance No. 4514 first reading at the March 17, 2008 meeting.

**Motion to read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4514.** Bassett

AN ORDINANCE amending the Ellensburg Municipal Code relating to Chapter 3.03 “Fire Code Amendments”; and adopting a new section 3.03.120 entitled “109.3” violation penalties."

Bassett(yes)

Bottcher(yes)

Miller (yes)

Niner(yes)

O’Brien(yes)

Tabb(yes)

Lillquist(yes)
Motion approved.

Resolution No. 2008-13 – Surplus of Firearms
The proposed resolution would surplus firearms that are in the possession of the Police Department.
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-13. Miller
Affirmed
Council took a brief recess at 8:40 p.m. and returned at 8:50 p.m.

Proposed Resolution – Affiliation with the Cascade Land Conservancy’s Cascade Agenda Cities Program
Jill Arango and Jeff Aken, Representatives from the Cascade Land Conservancy, discussed the Cascade Agenda Cities Program.
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-14. Miller
Affirmed

Ellensburg Police Department – 2007 Annual Report
Police Chief Miller summarized the Ellensburg Police Department’s 2007 Annual Report.
No action was needed. The report was presented for information only.

Discussion Regarding the Potential Need to Regulate Outdoor Lighting
Councilmember Bottcher has raised the issue of outdoor lighting practices and effects in the City of Ellensburg and has requested Council discussion and consideration in this policy area.
Motion to direct Councilmember Bottcher to chair a new committee to consist of himself and the Miller Utility, Planning, Design Review, Downtown Task Force, and Environmental Commissions to study the need to regulate outdoor lighting. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mountain View Avenue/Ruby Street Improvement Project – Noise Waiver for Nighttime Grinding/Paving
Staff will be requesting a waiver of the noise ordinance for work associated with the mainline grinding/paving portion of the project in order to set a schedule that assures the contractor of the ability to pave at night.
West Ellensburg to Irene Rinehart Park Trail – Cost Overruns

Staff requests Council consideration for reimbursement of additional out of pocket costs for the Trail Project.

Motion to authorize reimbursement of additional out of pocket costs to Encompass Engineers Tabb in the amount of $2,362.27 and to reimburse Tierra Right of Way Services up to an additional $1,500 based upon the actual cost incurred to complete the environmental work on the Trail Project. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Tabb gave a report on the Ellensburg Business Development Authority (EBDA) Board.

Councilmember O’Brien rode along with the Police Department. He also attended an EMS and Trauma Care Board meeting.

Councilmember O’Brien requested that staff add information to the boards and commission report as to who lives inside the city or UGA and who lives outside the city limits. He also requested staff bring back a report on the preparation for the Fourth of July celebration.

Councilmember Niner attended a Finance Committee meeting. A new quarterly report will be distributed to Council in May. She also attended a Law and Justice Council meeting and a Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Board meeting.

Councilmember Niner reported on the Critical Areas Ordinance Committee’s progress to date.

Councilmember Miller attended the Homeless Committee meetings, the QUADCO meeting, the Critical Areas Ordinance Committee meeting, and the County Land Use Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Miller discussed the County’s plan to demolish historic houses by the fairgrounds.

Motion to write a letter to the County Commissioners encouraging alternatives other than Tabb demolition of the historic homes near the fairgrounds. Affirmed

Councilmember Bottcher attended a Utility Advisory Committee meeting. He plans to attend an AWC workshop on storm water.

Councilmember Bassett attended a Finance Committee meeting and a Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Bassett discussed the need for more cigarette ashtrays downtown.

Mayor Lillquist met with Dr. McIntyre, welcomed the Transportation Improvement Board to a meeting,
cut the ribbon at the re-opening of McDonald’s, was interviewed by a student from University of Southern California, had lunch with the Chamber legislative group, will be attending a storm water training, and announced that the Washington State Department of Transportation will have a bike and pedestrian planning meeting on April 23.

RECESS

Council recessed to executive session at 11:03 p.m. to discuss personnel matters for approximately 10 minutes. Council did not expect to take action.

RECONVENE

At 11:14 p.m., Council returned to regular open meeting. No action was taken.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 11:15 p.m. Niner

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________

City Clerk