CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting: June 2, 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, Niner, O’Brien, Tabb and Mayor Lillquist.

Motion to grant an excused absence to Councilmember Miller. O’Brien

Affirmed

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Energy Services Director Titus; Community Development Director Smith, Finance Director Ariwoola and approximately 20 members of the audience.

Awards and Recognitions

City Manager Barkley announced that the City received an award from the Ellensburg Downtown Association for the Main Street Business Leadership.

Mayor Lillquist requested that the Ellensburg Police Department officers that were recently promoted attend a future Council meeting for recognition.

Agenda Approval

Motion to amend the agenda with the addition of boards and commissions applications as Item 6.A. Niner

Affirmed

Motion to approve the agenda. Bassett

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: Niner

A. Approve Minutes – May 12, 2008, Special Session
Approve Minutes – May 19, 2008, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – April 17, 2008 and May 6, 2008

(2) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – April 2, 2008 and May 7, 2008

C. Approve Street Closure Application for Dachshunds on Parade for Fourth Avenue from Main Street to Pearl Street on June 21, 2008 from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

D. Award Bid Call 2008-14 – Cured-in-Place Sewer Line Rehabilitation to Michels Corporation in the amount of $128,574

E. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-20 – Tree Removal Requested by Joe France and Anita Plumb at 1308 Vista Road

F. Adopt Resolution No. 2008-21 – Tree Removal Requested by Doug Rehaume at 1400 Vista Road

G. Approve Request from Youth Services for an end of the year Free Swim and Barbecue from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 11, 2008

H. Approve June 2, 2008 Voucher Numbers 88373 Through 88576 in the Total Amount of $2,285,133.98; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 74086 Through 74215 in the Total Amount of $128,252.33; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $135,677.64; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,432.50. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Applications

John McClough, a former Arts Commission member, is requesting to be reinstated to the Arts Commission.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s reappointment of John McClough. Niner

Motion defeated (Councilmembers Bottcher, O’Brien, and Tabb – no)

The appointment will be considered at the next meeting.

Letter from Douglas Sorensen Regarding Annexation Request

Council acknowledged the letter from Mr. Sorensen requesting to postpone the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4516 for 30 days.

Letter from Robert Sobol Regarding Chickens in the City Limits

Robert Sobol is requesting Council allow the keeping of chickens in all zones.
Several audience members spoke in favor of allowing chickens in the city limits.

Motion to direct staff to draft an ordinance with the following guidance: O’Brien

Poultry may be kept within the Ellensburg City limits provided that:

• There are no roosters;

• Animals shall be contained with fencing coops at least 25 feet from the dwelling and 25 feet from property lines;

• No poultry shall be kept in houses, basements, or cellars;

• Lots of 7,000 square feet or smaller limited to 6;

• Lots of 15,000 square feet to 7001 limited to 12;

• Lots in RS over 15,000 square feet limit ratio of 1 per 1000 square feet;

• Notification to Animal Control required; and

• Animal’s area shall be kept clean and free from odors at a distance of 25 feet.

Defeated (Bassett, Bottcher, Niner, Lillquist – no)

Motion to direct staff to craft an ordinance that would allow people to have chickens in the city limits. Niner

Affirmed

Memorandum from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Recommending that the Council Join into the CWU Contract with Carter Burgess for Entryway Signage and Way Finding Signage at the South Interchange

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee is recommending the City Council join into the CWU contract with Carter Burgess for creating the entryway and way finding signage at the South Interchange.

Motion to join with the CWU contract with Carter Burgess for entryway signage and way finding Tabb signage and direct staff to bring back a contract for consideration.

Affirmed

Ordinance No. 4517 – Proposed Amendment to Subdivision Code Providing for Extension of Time for Final Plat/Short Plat Submittals – Legislative

At the May 19, 2008 meeting, the City Council gave Ordinance No. 4517 first reading which amends
the Subdivision Code providing for an extension of time for final plat/short plat submittals.

**Motion to read for the second time and adopt Ordinance No. 4517.** Bassett

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON RELATING TO SUBDIVISIONS; AND AMENDING ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.08.480 PERTAINING TO FINAL PLAT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE AND SECTION 12.10.180 PERTAINING TO FINAL SHORT PLAT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE. Bassett – yes

Bottcher – yes

Niner – yes

O’Brien - yes

Tabb – yes

Lillquist - yes

Motion approved.

**Proposed Ordinance – 2008 Supplemental Budget**

The proposed ordinance provides for supplemental appropriations and revenues in the General, Street, Sales Tax Reserve, Police Equipment Reserve, Parks Acquisition, CHIP, GO bonded Debt, Capital Projects, Utility Deposits, I-Net, Water, Sewer, Sewer Construction, Shop, and Information Technology Funds.

**Motion to read for the first time, Ordinance No. 4518.** O’Brien

An ordinance amending the 2008 Annual Budget of the City of Ellensburg as set forth in Ordinance No. 4501. Affirmed

**Proposed Resolution – Nexgen Energy Systems Sole Source**

Councilmember Bottcher recused himself from the meeting.

The proposed resolution would establish RWE Schott Solar ASE 300 Watt modules supplied by Nexgen Energy Systems as the sole source solar module to complete the installation of the polycrystalline arrays along the Interstate.

**Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2008-22.** O’Brien

Affirmed

Councilmember Bottcher returned to the meeting.
Draft Interlocal Agreement Pertaining to Urban Growth Area (UGA) Development Standards

City and County staff have been drafting an interlocal agreement through which Kittitas County will agree to use the City’s zoning and land development requirements in its review of project permit applications in the unincorporated UGA.

Motion to direct staff to take the draft to County Commissioners for their review and following O’Brien that review to the Planning Commission for their comments. Affirmed

Council requested the draft be sent to the Planning Commission for their information.

Agreement Between the City and Ellensburg Rotary Club for Infrastructure Improvements at Rotary Park

City Manager Barkley requested Council not take action on this item tonight as there are questions about the agreement.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

Motion to set June 16, 2008 as a public hearing to consider the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bassett attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting, the Historic Ellensburg Awards, and the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital open house.

Councilmember Bottcher attended a stormwater training and Outdoor Lighting Committee meeting.

Councilmember Niner announced that KITTCOM is in the process of hiring dispatchers.

Councilmember O’Brien discussed the flooding at the north end of town.

Councilmember Tabb gave an update regarding the Community Transit meeting and Central Transit.

Mayor Lilquist spoke regarding the Non-Motorized Transportation Open House and attended the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meeting.

RECESS

Council recessed to a closed meeting at 9:19 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations for approximately 10 minutes. Council did not expect to reconvene to take action.
Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Tabb

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ___________________________________

City Clerk