CITY OF ELLENSBURG Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting September 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, Miller, O’Brien, Tabb and Mayor Lillquist.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; City Engineer Lyyski; Community Development Director Smith; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

**Agenda Approval**

Motion to approve the 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: Miller

A. Approve Minutes – August 11, 2008, Special Session

B. Approve Minutes – August 18, 2008, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission – June 16, 2008

(2) Landmarks & Design Commission – August 19, 2008

(3) Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission – May 14, 2008 and July 23, 2008

C. Approve Noise Waiver Application for International Pentecostal Holiness Church at Memorial Park on September 12 and 13, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to Dark

D. Approve Request from Hawaiian Cowboys to use Rotary Park Youth Baseball Complex for A Wiffle Ball Tournament at no Charge from September 20-21, 2008

E. Approve Stoney Creek Plat Phase 2 as Final and Authorize Mayor to Sign the Final Plat and
Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

F. Award Bid Call 2008-26 – Rotary Fence Project to Fencing and Awning Inc. in the Amount of $28,567.22

G. Approve September 2, 2008 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 89638 Through 89834 in the Total Amount of $1,807,330.32 and Payroll Fund Check Numbers 74816 Through 74926 in the Total Amount of $128,708.99; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $151,162.81; and Electronic Fund Transfer of $5,432.50. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Applications

Jerald Dougherty spoke regarding his interest in serving on the Arts Commission.

E-mail from Larry Nickel regarding the City’s adherence to the Public Participation Plan during the development and adoption of the Regional Retail Regulations in 2007, and requesting that the subject be placed on the September 15, 2008 agenda

Motion to allow Mr. Nickel five minutes to explain his request. Miller

Defeated (Bassett, O’Brien, Tabb, and Lillquist – no)

City Attorney Pidduck summarized the agenda report included in the agenda.

Motion to put Mr. Nickel’s request with regard to civil rights allegations on the September 15 agenda. Defeated (Bassett, O’Brien, Tabb, and Lillquist – no)

Letter from Greg Parker, Iron Horse Brewery, requesting that the Council allow for a Microbrewery/Brew Pub use in the Central Commercial Zone

Community Development Director Smith discussed the letter from Greg Parker.

Martin Kaatz, member of the Downtown Task Force spoke regarding the request.

Motion to refer to the Planning Commission an amendment that Miller

would allow a microbrewery as a permitted use in the CC and CC-II Zones and to bring a recommendation back to Council with an ordinance. Affirmed

Motion to direct the Planning Commission to have a discussion regarding the overlay Bottcher zone – the light industrial overlay on a commercial zone and the commercial overlay on a light industrial zone and bring a recommendation to Council.
Defeated (Miller, O'Brien, Tabb –no)

Motion to direct staff to set up a joint special session between the Planning Commission Miller and City Council. Affirmed

Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Larry Nickel handed out and discussed a letter from Mike Smith to Larry Nickel dated August 12, 2008.

Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance – 15th Avenue/Water Street Vacation

Mayor Lillquist opened the public hearing to consider the 15th Avenue/Water Street Vacation.

City Engineer Lyyski summarized the agenda report.

Council asked questions of staff.

A property owner to the south of the proposed vacation spoke regarding the proposed vacation and indicated that if the street is vacated, the petitioner will take their driveway for access.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Lillquist closed the public hearing.

Motion to refer this issue back to Public Works to smooth out the details of whether this Miller is an alley or driveway, and the ingress/egress situation for the subject parcel. Affirmed

Re-opening of Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docketing

A mapping error has been identified on the City’s Future Land Use Designation Map (Page 54 of the 2006 Comprehensive Plan Update). Staff is requesting that Council re-open the annual comprehensive plan amendment process for the purpose of docketing an amendment to correct that error on the Future Land Use Designation Map during the 2008 amendment process.

Motion to reopen the annual Comprehensive Plan amendment process for a period of Tabb 7 days, ending at 5:00 p.m. on September 9, 2008 for correction of errors. Affirmed

Motion to direct staff to research and create language in an ordinance to correct O'Brien mapping and scriveners errors in the Comprehensive Plan. Affirmed

Update on Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to Reduce Urban Growth Area in South and Expand Urban Growth Area (UGA) in North

The City has docketed a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment that will reduce the UGA in the
south by removing land below Tjossem Road and expand the UGA in the north by adding land above Bowers Road. Because the amendment requires County Commissioner approval, staff is requesting more specific direction from Council on the land areas and future land uses potentially involved in this UGA boundary revision.

Motion to authorize Councilmember Miller to discuss with the Airport Advisory Board O'Brien Council’s recommendation to trade the UGA from the southern portion to around the airport property. Affirmed

Council took a brief recess at 9:20 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

City’s West Ellensburg Property – Project Update

Staff has provided a draft copy of the SEPA Environmental Checklist for the proposed rezone of the City’s property in West Ellensburg.

Motion to direct staff to amend the proposed rezone of the West Ellensburg property Miller to not include the park and flood control project as Light Industrial but to rezone them as Public Reserve. Affirmed

Landmarks and Design Commission’s Recommendations Regarding City Sign Code

At the August 19, 2008 meeting, the Landmarks and Design Commission continued its review of the City Sign Code. Two motions were unanimously approved which recommended Council amend Section 12, second paragraph of the Sign Code and paragraph 1 of ECC 1.45.A.2.

Motion to direct staff to bring an ordinance back reflecting the two amendments proposed Tabb on Page 70 of the agenda packet. Affirmed (O’Brien – no)

Motion to send Councilmember Miller’s edit of the Sign Code to the City Attorney Bottcher for review and then back to the Council. Affirmed

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mtn. View Avenue/Ruby Street Improvements Project – Noise Waiver

Motion to grant a noise waiver specific to the grinding/paving operations on Mtn. View Avenue/Ruby Street Improvements Project, Chestnut Street and Willow Street from September 8 to September 20, 2008. Affirmed
Public Hearing Dates

Motion to set September 15, 2008 as a public hearing date for the Epenesa appeal of O'Brien Administrator’s denial of request for public improvements deferral; and a zoning text amendment adding a new permitted use to the Industrial Light Zone. Affirmed

Motion to set October 20, 2008 as a public hearing date for consideration of O’Brien 2008 Comprehensive Plan amendments. Affirmed

GIS Staffing

Motion to affirm the process of establishing a GIS Specialist and GIS Tech positions O’Brien for the Light and Gas Divisions. Affirmed

Finance Committee

Motion to appoint Councilmember O’Brien to the Finance Committee. Tabb

Affirmed

Regulation of Wind Generators

Motion to refer the issue regarding the regulation of wind generators within the City Bottcher limits to the Planning Commission. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bottcher reported on the Outdoor Lighting Committee presentation.

Councilmember Tabb and Mayor Lillquist attended the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission meeting.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 10:55 p.m. Tabb

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ______________________

City Clerk