Councilmembers Present: Bassett, Bottcher, O'Brien, Tabb, and Mayor Lillquist

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; Public Works Director Akers; Parks & Recreation Director Case; Finance Director Ariwoola; Rate Analyst Rowbotham; and Deputy Clerk Keno.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY

Mayor Lillquist called to order the emergency special session at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of consideration of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, declaring a local emergency because of flooding. The meeting is being conducted pursuant to RCW 42.30.070 to dispense with the normal notice requirements under an emergency situation.

City Manager Barkley gave a status report on the flooding. A very large quantity of water is running through West Ellensburg and the area is significantly flooded. Businesses at the West Interchange are flooded. The City is not flooding in the same way as in 1996.

Public Works Director Akers advised staff is not anticipating flooding issues in the downtown or other areas of the City other than West Ellensburg. The City is fully powered at this time.

Staff urges Council to consider adopting the proposed resolution declaring a local emergency. Doing so would give the City more ability to respond to the emergency. The use of additional City funding resources is not needed at this time. Should emergency aid become available at the State and Federal level the City could become a recipient of that aid.

Move adoption of Resolution No. 2009-03. O'Brien

Affirmed

Council asked questions of staff.

The Emergency Operations Center at KITTCOM was activated this morning. An emergency center is open in Cle Elum. A shelter may open at St. Andrews Catholic Church in Ellensburg if the passes remain closed. In answer to Council inquiry, the media was notified of this emergency special session. The Emergency Management Director is Chief Sinclair of Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. O'Brien
Affirmed

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Mayor
ATTEST: __________________________

City Clerk