Roll Call.


Motion to grant an excused absence for Councilmember O'Brien. Miller

Affirmed

Others present were City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Captain Coppin; Animal Shelter Manager Hake; Energy Services Director Titus; Community Development Director Smith; Public Works Director Akers; Land Use Consultant Witkowski; and approximately 15 members of the audience.

Proclamation

Mayor Lillquist read the proclamation for “Registered Dietician Day”.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation. Bassett

Affirmed

Agenda Approval

Motion to amend the agenda to move Item 5.E – Noise waiver application and use Miller of Rotary Pavilion for Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering – to 6.B. Affirmed (Elliott – no)

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Miller

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 – January 20, 2009, Regular Session
B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Library Board – December 9, 2008

(2) Transportation Impact Fees Committee – January 14, 2009

(3) Utility Advisory Committee – October 23, 2008 and November 12, 2008

C. Approve University Way Banner Request for “Child Abuse Month/Court Advocates” from March 30–April 13, 2009

D. Approve University Way Banner Request for “National Day or Prayer” from May 4-11, 2009

E. Accept Resignations from Evelyn McClure and Lois Robinson, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission, and Authorize Mayor to Sign Letters of Appreciation

F. Award Bid Call 2009-02 – Sidewalk Repair Program to Columbia Asphalt

G. Approve University Way Banner Request for “Showtime at the McConnell” from March 2-7, 2009

H. Approve Requests for Manastash Metric Bike Tour on October 3, 2009

I. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Evergreen State Mounted Shooters at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds on February 6, 13, 20, and 27 and March 6 and 13, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

J. Approve February 2, 2009 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 91702 Through 91924 in the Total Amount of $2,517,516.48; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 75946 Through 79655 in the Total Amount of $119,536.58; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $145,192.22; and electronic fund transfer of $4,010.00. Affirmed

Memorandum from Kirk Holmes, Kittitas County, Regarding FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning

Kirk Holmes, Kittitas County, discussed his memorandum regarding FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning.

Noise Waiver Application and use of the Rotary Pavilion on February 13-14, 2009 from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. for Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering

Motion to approve the request to use the Rotary Pavilion on February 14, 2009 from Miller

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and approve the noise waiver application from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on February 13 and 14, 2009. Affirmed (Elliott – no)

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues
Larry Nickel, 317 ½ N. Pearl #1, spoke regarding downtown issues.

Frank Erickson spoke regarding downtown issues.

Council requested staff put on the next regular meeting agenda a request to set a special meeting regarding downtown issues.

**Ordinance No. 4537 – Triple “L” Zone Change from Light Industrial to Tourist Commercial**

Councilmembers Bassett and Miller did not participate in this issue since they did not attend the public hearing.

At the January 5, 2009 meeting, Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4537 that enacts the Triple “L” Zone change.

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4537.** Tabb

An ordinance relating to zoning and amending Title 13 of the Ellensburg City Code by changing the zoning classification of certain property within the City of Ellensburg from Light Industrial (I-L) to Tourist Commercial (T-C) classification. Bottcher – yes

Elliott – yes

Tabb – yes

Lillquist – yes

Motion approved.

**Proposed Ordinance – Keeping of Chickens in the City**

At the meeting on June 2, 2008, Council considered a citizen request to keep chickens in the city limits and directed staff to draft an ordinance providing for the keeping of chickens.

Christopher Schmidt and Reed Larsen spoke regarding the proposed ordinance.

Council requested staff bring back additional information regarding the proposed ordinance.

**Proposed Resolution – Designation of Authorized Representative for Disaster Assistance Funds**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires the designation of an authorized representative to execute paperwork for disaster assistance funds. The City incurred significant costs during and after the flood beginning January 7, 2009.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-04. Bassett
Request for Additional Open Space Corridor – Flood Control Project

Council continued discussion of the request for additional open space corridor at West Ellensburg to the February 2, 2009 meeting to consider a number of issues raised during the initial discussion at the January 20, 2009 meeting. Additional information was presented at the meeting tonight by representatives of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority, the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, and the Washington Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Motion to approve Alternative C in the request for designation of additional open space corridor area. Affirmed

Council took a brief recess at 8:44 p.m. and returned at 8:55 p.m.

Draft Ordinance - Small Wind Energy Systems

City Council referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation a citizen request to ascertain what the City’s zoning requirements would be for installing small wind energy systems for residential and business use in the City. The Planning Commission has now forwarded for Council consideration of a draft ordinance that will allow “wind energy systems” (WES), including “small wind energy systems” (SWES) within the City under certain conditions and staff has inserted italicized comments within that draft to assist in Council’s discussion. If Council chooses to move forward with an ordinance, staff will need to take it through State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review prior to Council holding a public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Council discussed the draft ordinance at length and gave guidance to staff as to what should be included in the ordinance. Based on the guidance from Council, staff will draft an ordinance and bring it back to Council before the SEPA review.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Set Special Meeting

Motion to set March 9, 2009 as a special meeting on a stormwater utility. Affirmed

Interchange Feasibility Study

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Washington State Department of Transportation allowing the remaining earmarked Federal funds for seed money to fund the identified local projects. Affirmed
Change Order for HVAC Replacement Project at Kittitas Valley Memorial Pool (KVMP)

Motion to approve a change order for the HVAC Replacement Project at the KVMP Elliott in the amount of $12,038.76. Affirmed

COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Bottcher reported on the Utility Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Elliott reported on the Law and Justice Council and the EMS Council.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Homeless Committee.

Councilmember Miller requested Council allow her to decline her pay for 2009 and amend the budget to add it to the Fish Food Bank.

Motion to accept Councilmember Miller’s declining of her salary. Elliott

Affirmed (Miller – abstain)

Motion to amend the City’s budget to increase the Fish Food Bank in the amount of Bottcher $3,000. Affirmed (Miller – abstain)

Councilmember Tabb reported on the Transportation Impact Fee Committee.

Mayor Lillquist reported on the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Committee.

Motion to set a special meeting for February 23, 2009 with Kittitas Valley Fire Elliott and Rescue. Affirmed

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 10:42 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _____________________________

City Clerk