CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
Date of Meeting
February 17, 2009
Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Roll Call.


Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Animal Shelter Manager Hake; Land Use Consultant Witkowski; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to amend agenda to replace Item 5.C with a new request for additional dates Miller and eliminate Item 5.D. Affirmed

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: O'Brien

A. Approve Minutes – January 29, 2009, Special Session

Approve Minutes – January 30, 2009, Special Session

Approve Minutes – February 2, 2009, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – January 6, 2009 and January 20, 2009

(2) Transportation Impact Fees Committee – January 28, 2009

C. Approve University Way Banner Request for Kittitas County Red Cross from March 9– 23 and April 28-May 4, 2009
D. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Latecomers/Oversizing Agreement for Reimbursement to the Developer in amount of $2,405.70 for the Stoney Creek Plat

E. Accept Resignation from Robert Tomlinson, Arts Commission, and Authorize the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

F. Approve the Request for Temporary Storage at 112 North Dennis Street for a Period not to Exceed 90 Days

G. Approve February 17, 2009 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 91925 Through 92115 in the Amount of $1,502,335.90, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 76056 Through 76153 in the Total Amount of $107,147.65, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $154,008.82, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,010.00. Affirmed

Request from Historic Ellensburg to Provide a Letter of Support for Grant Funding to Develop Self-guided Podcast Tour of Downtown Ellensburg

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Historic Ellensburg’s grant Elliott application to develop a self-guided podcast tour of downtown. Affirmed (Miller – abstain)

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues

Sarah Bedsaul, Kittitas County Public Health, submitted a letter and discussed “Shape Up Kittitas County” and the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Frank Erickson spoke about downtown issues.

Cathy Stalach has requested an opportunity to address the Council in regard to a potential illegal occupancy at 903/905 C Street

Cathy Stalach addressed the Council regarding a potential illegal occupancy at 903/905 C Street.

Council will talk to staff further regarding the matter.

Proposed Ordinance – Keeping of Chickens in the City

At the February 2, 2009 meeting, staff presented a draft ordinance providing for the keeping of chickens in the city. The City Council gave direction to staff to research several issues and further information has been provided.

Two audience members spoke regarding the proposed ordinance.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4538. Bottcher

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING SECTION 5.30.040 OF THE ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.30.310 ENTITLED "KEEPING OF CHICKENS."

Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Waiving Building and other Permit Fees for Flood Victims

At its January 20, 2009 regular meeting, Council directed staff to waive the building, mechanical and plumbing permit fees for victims of the January 7, 2009 flood event who seek to repair or rebuild their residential or business structures damaged or destroyed by the flood. The proposed resolution sets forth the specific conditions to be met in order to qualify for the waiver.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-05. Miller

Affirmed

Council took a brief recess at 8:08 p.m. and returned at 8:13 p.m.

Code Compliance Template – Historic Buildings

The Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA) was commissioned by the City to recommend strategies for encouraging and facilitating reuse of Ellensburg's downtown historic buildings. The primary strategy chosen by the EDA and its consultant team was to develop a pathway within the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Existing Building Code (IEBC) to assist code officials, building owners, and design professionals utilize alternative approaches for achieving code compliance. The EDA and its consultants completed their work and presented the report to the City Council.

Motion to direct staff to prepare an ordinance that adopts the 2006 International Bottcher Existing Building Code (IEBC).

Motion to amend motion to include only the commercial building portion of 2006 Miller IEBC.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

Vote on main motion. Affirmed (Miller – no)

Update from Washington State Department of Transportation on the Interstate 90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project

Randy Giles, I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project Director and Jason Smith, South Central Region Environmental Manager gave an update on the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project.
Manager’s Report

Set Special Meetings

Motion to set a special meeting on April 13, 2009 regarding downtown issues. Tabb

Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Bottcher reported on proposed state legislation regarding outdoor lighting.

Councilmember Elliott reported on the EMS Council.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Homeless Committee, Airport Advisory Committee meeting, and historic preservation training.

Councilmember O’Brien reported on the Hope Source Board and the Transportation Impact Fees Committee.

Councilmember Tabb reported on the Transportation Impact Fees Committee.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:08 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk