Roll Call.


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

Affirmed

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Planner Eyerly; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Police Chief Miller; Land Use Consultant Witkowski; and six members of the audience.

Awards and Recognitions

Chief Miller stated that the Police Department has been notified by the Washington State Law Enforcement Foundation that Sergeant Nelson Ng’s name will be added to the Washington State Monument in Olympia. They were also notified by the National Law Enforcement Officers memorial that he has been accepted and will be added to the Washington D.C. Monument.

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: O'Brien

A. Approve Minutes – February 23, 2009, Special Session

Approve Minutes – February 27, 2009, Special Session

Approve Minutes – March 2, 2009, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
(1) Downtown Task Force – February 12, 2009

(2) Transportation Impact Fees Committee – February 11, 2009 and February 18, 2009

C. Approve Street Closure Application for Kittitas County Farmers Market for Fourth Avenue between Pearl and Pine Streets from May 2 – October 31, 2009 from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

D. Reject Bids for Bid Call 2009-01 – Electrical Watt-Hour Meters

E. Authorize the Energy Services Director to sign the Base Wheeling Agreement Addendum #1 with Kittitas County Public Utility District

F. Accept Bid Call 2008-28 – Tree Pruning Contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company as Complete

G. Authorize the Energy Services Director to sign Wheeling Agreement #6 with Kittitas County Public Utility District

H. Accept Resignation from Susan Grindle, Landmarks and Design Commission, and Authorize Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

I. Approve March 16, 2009 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 92312 Through 92492 in the Amount of $1,953,562.34, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 76266 Through 76365 in the Total Amount of $103,035.95, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $151,195.65, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,010.00.

Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor Lillquist recommended Matthew Anderson be appointed to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and Janet Peek be appointed to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.

Motion to confirm the Mayor’s appointment. Bassett

Affirmed

Letter from Ellensburg Downtown Association Regarding Concrete Planters Downtown

The Ellensburg Downtown Association has discussed the issue of the elevated concrete planters currently located throughout downtown, and has recommended that they be removed.

Motion to direct Parks Department to remove and store concrete planters from O’Brien downtown until further notice. (Defeated – Bassett, Bottcher, Tabb, Lillquist – no)

Council requested staff bring the request back at the next meeting.
Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau have requested time to brief the Council and staff regarding the 2010 Census

Gloria Romero from the U.S. Census Bureau briefed the Council about the 2010 Census. A proposed proclamation will be presented at the next meeting.

**Proposed Ordinance – Wollen Annexation – 510 South Willow Street**

In January 2009, the Board of Kittitas County Commissioners disbanded the Washington State Boundary Review Board of Kittitas County (BRB), pursuant to RCW 36.93.230. At that time, the Wollen Annexation Notice of Intention was on file with the Clerk of the BRB for determination of sufficiency. Without the BRB to formally submit the Notice of Intention, the Clerk returned it to the City Community Development Department. Section 7 of Ordinance No. 4528 established the effective date of the Wollen Annexation based on the decision of the BRB. An amendment to Section 7 must be made to establish an effective date.

**Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4539. O’Brien**

**An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington amending** Section 7 of Ordinance No. 4528 to establish April 1, 2009 as the effective date for the annexation of certain territory known as the Wollen Annexation to the City of Ellensburg, Washington.

Affirmed

Motion to waive Council Rule No. 1.4.44 (c) (2) and give second reading and O’Brien adoption of the ordinance. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

O’Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

**Agreement with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 683 Regarding Veterans Memorial Park Improvements**

The proposed agreement is with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 683 (VFW) for improvements at Veterans Memorial Park.
Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the VFW for improvements Bassett at Veterans Memorial Park. Affirmed

Council took a brief recess at 8:06 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

**Introduction and Overview of the Draft Critical Areas Ordinance**

Council has scheduled a public hearing on April 6, 2009 to consider the proposed Critical Areas Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would adopt a new set of standards and administrative procedures for the management of the City’s critical areas. The ordinance has been developed to fully comply with all required state provisions, while responding to the local conditions found in Ellensburg’s five identified critical areas – wetlands, aquatic and wildlife habitat, geologic hazards, aquifer recharge areas, and frequently flooded areas.

Land Use Consultant Witkowski presented a summary briefing of the draft ordinance and answered questions.

**Manager’s Report**

**Set Special Meetings**

Motion to set a public hearing on April 6, 2009 to consider amending the Six Year Tabb Transportation Improvement Plan. Affirmed

**Stimulus Grant Applications**

Staff has applied for grants associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the following projects: 1) Rebuild Store – A Collaborative Jobs and Building Salvage Project; 2) Completing the Missing Sidewalks – Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Implementation Project; and 3) Hard-Wiring a Fire Alarm System in the Downtown.

Motion to affirm and ratify the Rebuild Store Project application. Elliott

Affirmed (Tabb – abstain)

Motion to affirm and ratify the Sidewalk Project application. Elliott

Affirmed

Motion to affirm and ratify the Hard-Wiring a Fire Alarm System application. Elliott

Affirmed

**Councilmembers’ Reports**
Councilmember Bassett reported on the Conference of Governments meeting.

Councilmember Bottcher reported on the Outdoor Lighting Committee.

Councilmember Elliott reported on KITTCOM, the Finance Committee, and the Yakima River Scenic By-Way Committee.

Councilmember O’Brien reported on the Transportation Impact Fee Committee.

Councilmember Tabb reported on the Transportation Impact Fee Committee.

Mayor Lillquist reported on an Ellensburg Downtown Association visioning presentation. She also met with the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital Board. The Hospital Board would like to host a joint meeting with the Council sometime in May.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 10:09 p.m. Elliott

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________

City Clerk