Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session
April 20, 2009

Date of Meeting
April 20, 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; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Public Works Director Akers; Community Development Director Smith; Captain Coppin; Parks and Recreation Director Case; Finance Director Ariwoola; and approximately 25 members of the audience.

Proclamations

Mayor Lillquist read the proclamation for “National Preservation Month”.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign proclamation. Miller

Affirmed

Agenda Approval

Motion to move Item 5.G to 6.F. Miller

Affirmed

Motion to approve the agenda as modified. 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: Elliott

A. Approve Minutes – April 6, 2009, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission – March 12, 2009
(2) Cable Television Commission – February 18, 2009
(3) Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – March 11, 2009
(4) Transportation Impact Fees Committee – March 18, 2009
(5) Utility Advisory Committee – February 19, 2009

C. Approve Noise Waiver Application for CWU Department of Music on July 17 and 18, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

D. Approve University Way Banner Request for CWU Summer Session from May 25, 2009 to June 7, 2009

E. Approve University Way Banner Request for CWU Rodeo from April 21, 2009 to April 26, 2009

F. Authorize Mayor to Sign the Library Services Agreement with Kittitas County

G. Approve Request from Kittitas County Farmers Market to Place a Banner on 4th Avenue just off Main Street during the 2009 Farmers Market Season

H. Authorize the City Manager, Mayor, and City Attorney to Execute all Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Agreement and Easements on the West Ellensburg Property Irrigation Modification Project

I. Award Bid Call 2009-03 – Electric Distribution Wood Poles

J. Award Bid Call 2009-04 – Self Contained Electrical Meter Purchase – to General Pacific, Inc. for $65,645.81

K. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Iron Horse Trail Motorcycle Show on May 3, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

L. Approve April 20, 2009 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 92732 Through 92931 in the Amount of $1,769,655.19, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 76471 Through 76575 in the Total Amount of $114,158.02, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $163,080.56, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,010.00.

Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Appointments**

Mayor Lillquist recommended the following applicants be appointed: Greg Caron, Utility Advisory Committee; Jeff Click, Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board; and Laurie Vidonne, Senior Citizens Advisory Commission.
Motion to confirm the Mayor’s appointments. Bassett

Affirmed

Letter from Kittitas County Health Department Regarding Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

Sarah Bedsaul, Kittitas County Health Department, stated the Health Department is in a position to help the City move forward with pilot projects that are listed in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Motion to accept the offer from Kittitas County Health Department and move Miller forward with project #1 for a trial Class II sharrow markings on Chestnut Street and direct staff to paint those this year. Affirmed (Tabb – no)

Petition from Residents of the Historic University Neighborhood Proposing an Ordinance to Prohibit Parking Vehicles in the Front Yards of Homes in the Residential Districts

David Kaufman, 101 West Tenth Avenue, discussed the petition from residents of the historic university neighborhood to propose an ordinance to prohibit parking vehicles in front yards of homes in residential districts.

Captain Coppin stated the Police Department would support a proposed ordinance to prohibit the parking of vehicles in front yards of homes.

Motion to direct staff to draft an ordinance regarding parking on front lawns. Elliott

Affirmed

Letter from R/C Unlimiteds Regarding Races at Irene Rinehart Park

R/C Unlimiteds is requesting to stay overnight at Irene Rinehart Park during their races.

Motion to grant the request to allow one vehicle to stay overnight in the park for Bassett security purposes on weekends that races are scheduled through the Parks and Recreation Department Office. Affirmed

Letter from South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council Requesting Sponsorship

Heather Simmons-Rigdon, USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service, spoke regarding the Resource Conservation and Development Program.

Motion to commit to sponsor the South Central Washington Resource Conservation Miller and Development Council for a $100 donation. Affirmed
Accept Resignation from Ed Cushing, Utility Advisory Committee and Authorize Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

Mayor Lillquist read the letter of resignation from Ed Cushing for the Utility Advisory Committee.

Motion to accept the resignation from Ed Cushing, Utility Advisory Committee and Miller authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of appreciation. Affirmed

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues

Rance Dewitt spoke about a video that he made through Ellensburg Community Television regarding historic murals on buildings.

Council took a brief recess at 8:00 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Ordinance No. 4534 – Transportation Impact Fees

The Transportation Impact Fees Committee has now completed its work. Ordinance No. 4534 is now before Council.

Council asked questions of staff.

Beverly Heckart and Dave Whitwell discussed the proposed ordinance.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4534 in corrected O'Brien version on our desks tonight.

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, amending Title 14 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code to add a new Chapter 14.04 entitled “Traffic Impact Fees” to establish and impose traffic impact fees upon certain new development and establish standards and procedures for credits, refunds and appeals from imposition of such fees. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Miller (yes)

O'Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)
Motion approved.

**Ordinance No. 4540 – Extension for Completion of Planned Unit Developments and Plats**

At the April 6, 2009 meeting, Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4540 that would allow for the granting of an extension to the submittal deadline for final short plats, final plats, and Planned Unit Developments (PUDs).

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4540. O'Brien

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON RELATING TO SUBDIVISIONS AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS; AMENDING ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.08.480 PERTAINING TO FINAL PLAT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.10.180 PERTAINING TO FINAL SHORT PLAT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE, AND ELLENSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 13.38.260, 13.38.420, 13.38.440 PERTAINING TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DEADLINES; AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.38.430 ENTITLED “PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN – EXTENSION OF DURATION OF APPROVAL”.

Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Miller (no)

O'Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

**Ordinance No. 4541 - Right-of-Way Vacation at Kittitas County Fairgrounds**

At the April 6, 2009 meeting, Council conducted first reading of Ordinance No. 4541 for the vacation of several road and alley rights-of-way in and adjacent to the Kittitas County Fairgrounds.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4541. Bassett

AN ORDINANCE vacating certain public rights-of-way in Shoudy’s Second Addition to the City of Ellensburg located in Section 36, Township 18 North, Range 18 East, W.M., vacation being located in the City of Ellensburg, County of Kittitas, State of Washington. Bassett (yes)
Bottcher (yes)
Elliott (yes)
Miller (yes)
O’Brien (yes)
Tabb (yes)
Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

Ordinance No. 4542 – Interest Earning on Customer Utility Deposits

Council gave Ordinance No. 4542 first reading at the April 6, 2009 meeting, which would allow the City to not pay interest on utility deposits.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4542. Miller


Bassett (yes)
Bottcher (yes)
Elliott (yes)
Miller (yes)
O’Brien (yes)
Tabb (yes)
Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

First Quarter City Financial Report

Finance Director Ariwoola discussed the first quarter financial report for the City. No action was required to be taken.

Manager’s Report
Stormwater Utility

Staff is requesting direction on the level of reserve Council would like to establish for the stormwater utility.

Motion to direct staff to bring back a proposed ordinance to set the average monthly Miller Equivalent Residential Unit charge of $5.00 for stormwater utility. Affirmed

West Ellensburg Levee Relocation

Staff has been working to complete the floodplain restoration on the City’s property adjacent to Reecer Creek in West Ellensburg. One element of the project involves relocation of the levee along Reecer Creek.

Motion to authorize up to $55,000 from the Dolarway Road project budget for redesign Miller work and authorize the Manager to execute a contract with Gray and Osborne Consulting Engineers for the work in an amount not to exceed the stated budget authority. Affirmed

Set Public Hearing

Motion to set a public hearing date on May 4, 2009 to consider several implementing Miller actions related to the Ellensburg Downtown Association’s Existing Building Template proposal. Affirmed

Grant Submittals to the 2010 QUADCO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Staff would like to submit two projects to the 2010 program. The first project would be an analysis of the effects of converting University Way from Wenas Street to Alder Street down to three lanes with bike lanes in the amount of $22,000 with a ten percent cost match. The second project would help with the development of the City’s GIS program in the amount of $20,000 with a ten percent cost match.

Motion to authorize staff to apply for the two grants under the UPWP as outlined Tabb in the Manager’s Report. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Finance Committee. He asked about sandwich board sign regulations and enforcement. Council asked staff to bring back information at the May 4 meeting about sandwich board signs.
Councilmember Bottcher reported on Earth Day and the Utility Advisory Committee.

Motion to direct staff to bring back a proposal for creation of a separate rate class Miller for charities for the Utility. Affirmed (Tabb – recused himself)

Councilmember Elliott reported on the EMS Council, the KITTCOM Board, the Law and Justice Council, and the Yakima River Scenic By-Way Committee.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Airport Advisory Committee and the Homeless and Affordable Housing Plan. She requested an excused absence for the June 1 meeting.

Councilmember O’Brien reported on the EMS Council. Also, he has spoken to some CWU students who would like to use their connection cards at City businesses. Staff will check with CWU staff on the feasibility of this.

Councilmember Tabb reported on the Homeless and Affordable Housing Plan.

Mayor Lillquist stated she received a copy of the Washington State Nutrition and Physical Activity Plan.

Adjourn Motion to adjourn at 9:54 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _____________________________________

City Clerk