Roll Call.


Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Community Development Director Smith; Energy Services Director Titus; Land Use Consultant Witkowski; and four members of the audience.

Oath of Office for Councilmembers and Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

City Clerk Reno administered the oath of office for Councilmembers Rich Elliott, Nancy Lillquist, and Obie O'Brien.

Motion to nominate Councilmember Tabb as Mayor. Miller

Motion to close the nominations. Bassett

Affirmed

Vote on motion. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Miller (yes)

O'Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Motion approved.

Motion to nominate Councilmember Elliott as Mayor Pro Tem. O'Brien

Motion to nominate Councilmember Lillquist as Mayor Pro Tem. Bottcher

Motion to close the nominations. O'Brien
City Clerk Reno read the ballots as follows: Councilmembers Bottcher, Lillquist, and Tabb voted for Councilmember Lillquist. Councilmembers Bassett, Elliott, Miller, and O’Brien voted for Councilmember Elliott.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of switching Items 11.A and 11.B. 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 – December 21, 2009, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Downtown Task Force - November 12, 2009

(2) Landmarks & Design Commission – November 17, 2009

(3) Nonmotorized Transportation Code Committee – November 19, 2009

(4) Board of Adjustment – December 3, 2009

C. Accept Bid Call 2009-07 – Electrical Pole Testing & Treating as Complete

D. Accept Bid Call 2009-10 – Tree Pruning Contract as Complete

E. Accept Bid Call 2009-13 – Electrical Construction Labor & Equipment as Complete

F. Approve the use of Rotary Pavilion and Sidewalk in front of the Pavilion on January 16, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for WinterHop Brewfest

G. Award Bid Call 2009-19 – 2-Man Insulated Bucket Truck to Altec Industries in the amount of $125,412.84

H. Approve January 4, 2010 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 96126 Through 96318 in the Amount of $1,754,420.03, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 78244 Through 78332 in the Total Amount of $104,166.22, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $174,132.79, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,172.00.
Affirmed

**Ordinance No. 4559 – Establishing a Process for Councilmember Waiver of Compensation**

The proposed ordinance would establish a procedure for councilmembers to decline receipt of part or all of their compensation. Council gave Ordinance No. 4559 first reading at the December 21, 2009 meeting.

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4559.** O’Brien

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to Ellensburg Municipal Code Chapter 1.30 “Salaries and Bonds”; amending Section 1.30.040; adding a new section 1.30.500 to provide a waiver provision for councilmember compensation; and repealing Section 1.30.660 “Battalion Chief Salary”. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Miller (yes)

O’Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Motion approved.

**Critical Areas Committee Recommendations**

Land Use Consultant Witkowski and Jill Arango discussed the Critical Areas Ordinance as recommended by the Critical Areas Committee.

Council asked questions of Mr. Witkowski and Ms. Arango.

Motion to direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance with the corrections as noted this Elliott evening and what was presented in the agenda packet. Affirmed

Motion to direct staff to prepare and distribute a SEPA Checklist and set a public Lillquist hearing for March 15, 2010. Affirmed

**Reecer Creek Debris Removal Request by Calaway Trading, Inc. – City’s West Ellensburg Property**
Calaway Trading, Inc. owns the property immediately west of the City’s West Ellensburg property and has requested that it be allowed to perform tree trimming and debris removal within the Reecer Creek stream channel and associated fish and wildlife habitat conservation area that is located on the City’s property.

Gary Reynolds, Calaway Trading, Inc., spoke regarding the proposed request and submitted a letter for the record.

Brent Renfrow, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, discussed the proposed request.

Motion to grant permission to Calaway to perform the tree trimming and debris removal activities associated with Reecer Creek on City property subject to their compliance with the Critical Areas Ordinance and any such conditions that the City might impose for liability and if a critical areas report is required, that the report be at Calaway’s expense. Affirmed

Jeff Calaway, Calaway Trading, Inc. spoke regarding the proposed request.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

Authorize City Manager to Sign Washington State University (WSU) Community Energy Efficiency Pilot Program Grant Agreement and Amend the 2010 Budget to Authorize Energy Services to Hire a Half-Time Energy Auditor

The City was awarded a $344,000 grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to provide energy efficiency upgrades to gas heated homes and small businesses.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the WSU Community Energy Efficiency Pilot Program Grant Agreement with the substitute language on Page 4 handed out this evening; and amend the 2010 Budget to authorize Energy Services to hire a half-time energy auditor.

Affirmed

Manager’s Report

Set Special Meetings

Motion to set a special meeting on February 3, 2010 for the Planning and Priority Retreat. Miller

Affirmed

Purchase and Sale Agreement

Motion to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney to execute all
documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the property located at 700 Anderson Road, Ellensburg, Washington, from Glenn and Dyann Murphy, including the execution of a lease.

Affirmed

**Councilmembers’ Reports**

Councilmember Bottcher requested that Council take breaks during the meetings at 9:00 p.m.

Councilmember Elliott stated that he visited the Racquet and Recreation Center and attended a Flood Control Task Force meeting.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk