CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

September 20, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Date of Meeting

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Time of Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting

Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Roll Call Present:

Bassett, Bottcher, Elliott, Lillquist, O’Brien, Tabb.

Absent:

Miller

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Public Works Director Akers; Energy Services Director Titus; Planning Supervisor Bailey; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

Motion to grant an excused absence for Councilmember Miller for the meeting tonight. Bassett

Affirmed

Proclamations

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for Louis Kollmeyer, Ellensburg City Art Treasure.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the proclamation. Bassett

Affirmed

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Elliott

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 – September 7, 2010, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

C. Approve University Way Banner Request for Yakima River Clean Up from September 19 - October 3, 2011
D. Approve Street Closure Application for Kittitas Valley Fire and Rescue to Close Pearl Street Between 1st and 2nd Avenues on November 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

E. Accept Resignation from Noah Goodrich, Planning Commission, and Authorize Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

F. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Ben and Liz Beeles at 1307 N. Main Street on October 1, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

G. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Yuliana Garcia at 512 N. Poplar Street on September 25-26, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

H. Award Bid Call 2010-19 – Tree Pruning Contract to Elliot’s Tree Care in the Amount of $54,806.40

I. Approve September 20, 2010 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 99698 Through 99885 in the Amount of $609,872.70, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 80062 Through 80124 in the Total Amount of $114,436.56, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $188,066.77, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $3,837.00. Affirmed

Presentation by Sarah Bedsaul Regarding the Sharrow Project

Sarah Bedsaul, Kittitas County Public Health Department, gave a presentation regarding the Sharrow Project.

Letter from Steven Lathrop Regarding Proposed Changes to Chapter 2.48 of the Ellensburg City Code

A letter has been received from Steven Lathrop, on behalf of Anderson Hay and MTA Holdings, requesting the extension of a City water main and the installation of fire hydrants on a portion of MTA Holdings’ property East of Anderson Road.

Motion to direct staff to bring back an ordinance with language similar to what has been Elliott included in the agenda packet. Affirmed

Communication from Kittitas County Regarding Kittitas County Conference of Governments (KCCOG) Proposed Amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies

Jan Ollivier and Neil Caulkins, Kittitas County, discussed the proposed amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies regarding the population allocation.

The Council provided direction to the KCCOG representatives that the proposal is acceptable to them.

Memorandum from the Landmarks and Design Commission Regarding the Northern Pacific Railway Passenger Depot
Motion to place the Northern Pacific Railway Passenger Depot on the Ellensburg Bottcher Landmark Register. Affirmed

Motion to authorize staff to move forward on an application for a $2,000 Valerie Bottcher Sivinksi Washington Preservation Fund Grant to be used for repairing the roof of the Northern Pacific Railway Passenger Depot. Affirmed

**Public Hearing – Proposed Resolution – Surplus Property**

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider the declaration of property as surplus.

Public Works Director Akers summarized the agenda report.

There being no further testimony, Mayor Tabb closed the public hearing.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2010-23. Elliott

Affirmed

**Proposed Ordinance and Sidewalk Use Permit Authorizing Use of City Sidewalk Areas for Food and Beverage Service**

The proposed ordinance and sidewalk use permit would authorize use of City sidewalk areas for food and beverage service.

Kelley Cook, co-owner of Dakota Café, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4574 with the following amendment in Lillquist

Section 1: …and the director is authorized to City Council shall establish…


The Council gave direction to staff regarding the proposed sidewalk use permit.

**Residential Exchange Program Settlement**

A federal mediator, as a last resort, has put together a settlement proposal to resolve current litigation involving the Residential Exchange Program that provides annual funding to the investor owned utilities (IOU’s) at the expense of public power. The mediator is asking all litigants to indicate whether they would support a settlement agreement based on his proposal. This would be non-binding. Staff is
recommending that the City indicate it is not in support of the proposal as currently proposed.

Motion to go on record as being opposed to the current settlement proposal. Elliott

Affirmed

**Agreement with the Rotary Club of Ellensburg, Kittitas County, and the City of Ellensburg**

**Regarding the Purchase of Bleachers and Construction of a Seasonal Parking Lot and Roadway at Rotary Park**

The proposed agreement would authorize Kittitas County to reimburse the City of Ellensburg for the purchase of baseball field bleachers at Rotary Park and create a partnership between the Ellensburg Rotary Club, Kittitas County, and the City of Ellensburg to construct a seasonal access road and parking lot at Rotary Park.

Motion to approve the agreement with the Rotary Club and Kittitas County for the Elliott reimbursement of the baseball field bleachers and construction of a seasonal roadway and seasonal parking lot at Rotary Park. Affirmed

The Council took a brief recess at 9:10 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

**Manager’s Report**

**Banner Scheduling**

The City Council requested staff develop a policy for the Fourth Avenue banner location.

**Councilmembers’ Reports**

Councilmember Bassett reported on the Youth Center Skate Competition. He also discussed signs for businesses in the downtown area.

Councilmember Elliott reminded the Council that the October 4, 2010 Council meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Lillquist requested that contracts for tree pruning include language regarding critical areas.

Councilmember O’Brien reported on Chamber of Commerce events. He also discussed the Economic Development Group and Chamber merger.

Mayor Tabb attended the Auditor’s exit meeting.

**Adjourn**
Motion to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. Lillquist

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: __________________________

City Clerk