CITY OF ELLENSBURG  
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session  
December 20, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Roll Call Present: Bassett, Bottcher, Elliott, Lillquist, O'Brien, Tabb.

Excused Absence: Miller.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Assistant City Engineer Mayo; City Engineer Lyyski; and approximately 15 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to remove Item 6.C – Memorandum from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Bassett from the agenda. Affirmed

Motion to approve the agenda as amended. 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 – December 6, 2010, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Utility Advisory Committee – October 21, 2010

C. Adopt Revisions and Additions to the Public Works Development Standards as Approved from the March 11, 2010 Administrative Hearing

D. Authorize Additional Work to be Performed by ECI for the City per Authorization #1 of the Agreement with ECI, Inc. for Item 3 – Oil Spill Containment and Prevention Plan Update with a Cost not to Exceed $5,000

E. Accept Bid Call 2010-15 – Canyon Road Overlay Project – Umptanum Road to Jackson Avenue
F. Accept Bid Call 2010-01 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Digester Mixing Upgrade as Complete

G. Accept Bid Call 2010-03 - Sidewalk Repair Project as Complete

H. Authorize $5,624.91 from the Water Construction Fund for the Additional Road Construction Costs for the Hayward Hill Well

I. Approve Request from Chamber of Commerce to use the Rotary Pavilion and the Sidewalk in Front of the Pavilion on January 15, 2011 from Noon to 5:00 p.m. for the WinterHop BrewFest

J. Approve December 20, 2010 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 100943 Through 101141 in the Amount of $1,058,432.05, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 80580 Through 80653 in the Total Amount of $91,717.99, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $179,615.85, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,012.00. Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Appointments**

Mayor Tabb recommended the following reappointments: Matthew Anderson and Roylene Crawford, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; David Carns, Building Appeals Board; Doug Ryder, Board of Adjustment; Milton Johnston, John Perrie, and Charlotte Tullos, Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board.

Motion to accept the Mayor’s appointments. Lilquist

Affirmed

Mayor Tabb recused himself from the consideration of his reappointment.

Motion to reappoint Bruce Tabb to the Ellensburg Business Development Elliott Authority Board. Affirmed

**City Council Applications**

City Council applicants Anthony Aronica, David Reynolds, Vincent Tomaso, and Raymond Wells introduced themselves. The City Council will interview City Council applicants at the January 3, 2011 meeting.

**Letter from Sheryl Leavitt Regarding Parking**

Council discussed the letter from Sheryl Leavitt requesting the half hour parking spaces on Water Street be changed to two hour parking for their new office space at 219 West Third Avenue.

Council discussed that a temporary solution for the parking is for the business to obtain downtown
timed parking waiver permits from the Finance Department for customers who need a longer time period than allowed in the timed parking zones. Council also requested that the Public Works Department conduct a visual survey of parking in the area and come back to Council with a recommendation on parking changes in the area.

**Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues**

Steve Verhey, 1801 N. B Street, discussed electric vehicle recharging stations.

**Public Hearing – Resolution No. 2010-30 - Amend the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan**

Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider the proposed amendment to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Assistant City Engineer Mayo summarized the agenda report.

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

**Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-30. Elliott**

Affirmed

Motion to authorize the Mayor and staff to execute all required federal documentation Elliott associated with the project. Affirmed

**Ordinance No. 4581 – 2010 Supplemental Budget**

Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4581 at the November 15, 2010 meeting to amend the 2010 General, Parks Acquisition, and Capital Project Funds Budgets to reflect the purchase of a park maintenance utility vehicle, work being completed at the North Alder Street Park project, and work already completed at Rotary Park.

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4581. O'Brien**

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2010 Annual Budget of the City of Ellensburg as set forth in Ordinance No. 4554 to provide additional revenues and appropriations in the General, Park Acquisition, and Capital Projects Funds. Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Lillquist (yes)
O'Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Motion approved.

**Ordinance No. 4583 - Supplemental Budget**

Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4583 at the December 6, 2010 meeting, which provides for supplemental appropriations and revenues in the General, Sales Tax, GO 2010 Maintenance Bond Debt, Capital Projects, and Hal Holmes Trust Funds.

Motion to substitute the ordinance received tonight for the one in the agenda. Lillquist

Affirmed

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4583.** Lillquist

AN ORDINANCE amending the 2010 Annual Budget of the City of Ellensburg as set forth in Ordinance No. 4554 and amended in Ordinance No. 4567 to provide additional revenues and appropriations in the General, Sales Tax, GO 2010 Maintenance Bond Debt, Capital Projects, and Hal Holmes Trust Funds.

Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

O'Brien (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Motion approved.

**Proposed Ordinance – Dolarway Road Improvements Project – Authorizing Condemnation of Fee Simple Title at 1108 N. Pott Road**

Staff has not been successful in obtaining fee simple title to a piece of property consisting of 47,721 square feet necessary for completion of the Dolarway Road Improvements Project. It is necessary to pursue a condemnation action in order for the project to proceed on schedule.

Robert Terrell, 7120 Hansen Road, representing Alliance Investment Group of Ellensburg, LLC and Lake Shore Estates of Ellensburg, LLC, spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.
Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4584. Lillquist

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON RELATING TO AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION BY CONDEMNATION OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE AND OTHER PROPERTY RIGHTS IN ELLENSBURG, KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON FOR USE IN THE DOLARWAY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, TO BE FINANCED BY THE CITY’S ARTERIAL STREET FUND.

Bob Hansen, 2526 Carriage Loop, commercial broker for Remax, representing the Terrell’s on several of their properties, stated the City has not provided the owners with a copy of the appraisal. His clients have no problem with the idea that this property is important for the road, but they do have a problem with the price that has been offered to them.

Scott Nicoli, 510 North Mount Stuart Drive, asked questions of the Council.

Council asked questions of staff.

Vote on motion. Affirmed (O’Brien – no)

Proposed Resolution – Fiscal Year 2010 Bad Debt Write-Offs

The proposed resolution would authorize the write-off of uncollectible utility accounts, parking citations, and Library accounts billing for fiscal year 2010.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-31. Elliott

Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Gregory Singer Tree Removal Request

Gregory Singer has requested Council consideration to remove one street tree growing in the right of way next to the property at 601 West 5th Avenue.

Russ Taylor, representing Platt Electric Supply, who is doing exterior and interior improvements to the building, stated they wish to remove the tree to increase visibility to the new exterior signs.

Motion to deny the request. Bassett

Defeated (Elliott, Lillquist, O’Brien – no)

Council directed staff to bring back the request at the January 18, 2011 meeting with a landscaping plan from the applicant.

Proposed Resolution – HRA VEBA Plan
The proposed resolution authorizes the City to provide an HRA VEBA Plan to the non-represented employees.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2010-32. Elliott

Affirmed

Board and Commission Application Procedures and Residency Requirements

At its December 6, 2010 meeting, the City Council requested a staff report identifying the City’s administrative process pertaining to citizen applications to fill vacancies and expiring terms on boards and commissions.

Council directed staff to include all applications being held along with requests for reappointment for Council consideration for upcoming vacancies on boards and commissions.

Manager’s Report

2011 Budget Ordinance

Motion to correct a scrivener’s error on the second page of Ordinance No. 4579 Elliott for the total internal service funds and the grand total. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Bottcher discussed the Train Depot.

Councilmember Lillquist stated that she gave the Nonmotorized Transportation Committee recommendations to the Environmental Commission. She also discussed the Utility Advisory Committee minutes related to small wind turbine systems.

Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 9:16 p.m. to discuss pending litigation for approximately 10 minutes. Council was not expected to reconvene to take action. Following the executive session, Council expected to move into a closed meeting to discuss labor negotiations and action was possible after the closed meeting.

At 9:20 p.m., the executive session to discuss pending litigation commenced. At the completion of the executive session, council moved directly into a closed meeting to discuss labor negotiations.

Reconvene

At 9:30 p.m., council returned to regular open meeting
Motion to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute two letters of agreement Elliott

between the city and OPEIU Local 8 extending for one year the current labor contracts for the OPEIU-General and OPEIU-library bargaining units, with the pay rates for all positions represented by the bargaining units to remain unchanged for 2011. Affirmed

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. O’Brien

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk