Roll Call Present: Bassett, Bottcher, Elliott, Lillquist, Miller, Tabb.

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

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda. 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 – December 20, 2010, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

C. Approve University Way Banner Request for EYBS Registration from January 24 -February 7, 2011

D. Reject all Bids for Bid Call 2010-17 – Electrical Distribution Construction Contract


City Council Appointments

With the resignation of Obie O’Brien from the City Council, a city resident must be appointed to complete Mr. O’Brien’s term.
The City Council received a letter from David Reynolds indicating he is withdrawing his application.

The City Council interviewed the following candidates: Jill Arango, Anthony Aronica, Vincent Tomaso and Raymond Wells.

City Clerk Reno read the written ballots as follows: Councilmembers Bassett, Bottcher, Elliott, Lillquist, Miller, and Mayor Tabb voted for Jill Arango.

City Clerk Reno administered the oath of office to new Councilmember Jill Arango.

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues

A member of the audience stated he is not required to give his name to speak under Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues. He spoke about the process the Council used to vote for the new councilmember.

Ordinance No. 4584 – Dolarway Road Improvements Project – Authorizing Condemnation of Fee Simple Title at 1108 N. Pott Road

The City Council gave Ordinance No. 4584 first reading at the December 20, 2010 meeting. The proposed ordinance provides for the acquisition by condemnation of fee simple title to a portion of property located at 1108 North Pott Rd. for completion of the Dolarway Road Improvements Project.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4584. Miller

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.

Vote on motion. Arango (abstain)

Bassett (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

Miller (yes)

Tabb (yes)
Motion approved.

**Proposed Ordinance – Increasing the Monetary Penalties for Disabled Parking Violations**

State law establishing the monetary penalties for unlawful parking in disabled parking spaces has been amended to increase the penalty amounts to $450 from the present $250. Municipal disabled parking ordinances are required to impose the same penalties as the state law. The proposed ordinance would amend the penalty section of chapter 8.22 ECC (“Disabled Parking”) by increasing to $450 the City’s penalty amounts for such violations.

**Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4585. Bassett**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLensburg,

WASHINGTON, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR DISABLED PARKING VIOLATIONS AND AMENDING SECTION 8.22.080 OF THE ELLensburg MUNICIPAL CODE.

Affirmed

**Technical Fix to Voluntary Employees’ Beneficiary Association (VEBA) Legislation**

The City is being asked to join other northwest utilities in seeking a legislative change to language concerning how VEBA accounts are handled when the account owner dies and does not have a surviving spouse or dependents.

Motion to support the legislative fix for VEBA participants and authorize the use of Elliott

the City’s name in conjunction with this effort. Affirmed

**Manager’s Report**

**Set Special Meetings**

Motion to set a special meeting for the annual retreat on January 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Miller

Affirmed

Motion to set a special meeting on February 1, 2011 from 8:30 – Noon to review the Lillquist

land use and energy efficiency code update with the Planning Commission. Affirmed

Motion to grant an excused absence for Councilmember Elliott from the February 1, 2011 Miller

special meeting. Affirmed

**Councilmembers’ Reports**
Councilmember Bottcher discussed the exterior lighting ordinance.

Councilmember Lillquist reminded citizens to clear snow and ice off sidewalks.

Councilmember Miller reported on upcoming meetings and events.

Mayor Tabb discussed snow and ice removal on sidewalks.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Miller

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _________________________

City Clerk