Date of Meeting
January 18, 2011
Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Councilmembers Present: Bassett; Arango; Bottcher; Lillquist; and Mayor Tabb

Councilmembers Absent: Elliott; Miller

Councilmember Miller is requesting an excused absence for this meeting.

Councilmember Elliott is expected to arrive at approximately 8-8:15 p.m.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; Community Development Director Smith; Energy Services Director Titus; Chief Miller; Civil Engineer Mayo; Gas Operations Supervisor Larsen; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Deputy Clerk Keno; Members of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; and approximately twenty members of the audience.

Approve excused absence for Councilmember Miller. Lillquist

Approved

Agenda Approval

Amend agenda by moving Item 6.A. “City Council Assignments to Boards Lillquist and Committees” to Item 10.C. under Unfinished Business. Approved

Approve agenda as amended. Lillquist

Approved

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 Council Agenda at the request of a Councilmember.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: Lillquist

A. Approve Minutes – January 3, 2011, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Board and Commissions

C. Accept Resignation from Birkin Owart, Arts Commission and Authorize
Mayor to Sign a Letter of Appreciation

D. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Dolarway Road Power Easement for Puget Sound Energy

E. Approve Street Use Permit Extensions for Circle K. Stores, Inc. and Twin City Foods

F. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the First Amendment to the 2005 Base Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas and the Asset Management Services Agreement with Shell Energy North America (US), L.P.

G. Approve Request from Spirit of the West Cowboy Gathering to use the Rotary Pavilion and Four Parking Spaces in Front of the Pavilion on February 18-21, 2011; Approve Noise Waiver Application at Kittitas County Event Center on February 19, 2011 from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; Approve University Way Banner Request from February 7-21, 2011


I. Approve January 18, 2011 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 101344 Through 101527 in the Total Amount of $2,236,508.55; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 80727 Through 80796 in the Total Amount of $96,018.34; Direct Deposit in the Amount of $208,579.39 and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,112.00.

Affirmed

Letter from Paul Stayback, Central Washington University, Regarding Student Recognition Awards Program

Paul Stayback, Vice President for Academic Affairs at CWU, spoke about a new Student Recognition Awards Program being initiated at Central. The program is open to students, community members and faculty.

Council asked questions of Mr. Stayback.

Memorandum from Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Re: Committee Guidelines and Marketing Plan

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee members were present to discuss the revised Committee Guidelines presented in the agenda as well as the Committee’s recommendation to update the current marking plan developed in 1999.

Move to accept the Lodging Tax Committee guidelines included on pages Lillquist 49-51 of the agenda packet. Approved

Authorize spending up to $50,000 from the Lodging Tax Fund for a Arango
marketing plan in conjunction with Kittitas County, if indicated. Approved

Letter from David Miller, Chair of Planning Commission, Regarding Termination of Appointment

Staff is researching this issue due to conflicting language in Council/Commission policies and would like to bring the issue back to Council after further research.

Ordinance No. 4585 – Increasing the Monetary Penalties for Disabled Parking Violations

The City Council gave Ordinance No. 4585 first reading at the January 3, 2011 meeting. In accordance with the requirements of state law, the proposed ordinance would amend the penalty section of chapter 8.22 ECC (“Disabled Parking”) by increasing to $450 (from the current $250) the City’s penalty amounts for unlawful parking in disabled parking spaces.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4585. Arango

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.

Vote on motion. Arango(yes)

Bassett(yes)

Bottcher(yes)

Lillquist(yes)

Tabb(yes)

Motion approved.

Proposed Resolution – Gregory Singer Tree Removal at 601 W. 5th Avenue

At the December 20, 2010 meeting Council considered a request by Gregory Singer to remove a street tree growing in the right of way next to property at 601 W. 5th Avenue.

Council requested staff bring back the request at the January 18, 2011 meeting with a landscaping plan from the applicant for consideration. Staff has not received a landscaping plan.

John Flodin of Columbia River Steel and Construction, representing the Platt family, advised the tree removal request is being withdrawn and apologized on behalf of the Platt family for all the problems created by the request.
Resolution No. 2011-02 – Retiring Police Service Dog “Rino” from Service and Declaring Surplus Property

The proposed resolution declares Police Service Dog “Rino” as well as his kennel as surplus property and authorizes his sale to K-9 handler, Sergeant Ray Cedeno for the total sum of $1.00.

“Rino” joined the Ellensburg Police Department in June of 2002 and faithfully served the Ellensburg community until his retirement on December 31, 2010.

Adopt Resolution No. 2011-02. Bassett

Approved

Update on Land Development Code and Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy

Community Development Director Smith updated Council on the current status of the Land Development Code Update project (LDCU) as well as the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy project (EECS). A community meeting is set for January 31, 2011 from 5-8 p.m. at the Hal Holmes Center to update and inform the community on the projects’ progress. A Special Council meeting is set for February 1 with the Planning Commission to meet with the consultant and review what was heard from the community at the Community Meeting. Staff has also been advised that Council should also set the Community Meeting on January 31 as a Special City Council Meeting as well in order to satisfy Open Meeting Act requirements if a quorum of Councilmembers were to attend.

Council expressed concern with the current quorum issues on the Planning Commission in conjunction with meeting deadlines on the two projects. Staff will research the issues further and report back to Council in two weeks. Mayor Tabb will contact the Planning Commission Chairman.

Establish a Special City Council meeting for January 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Lillquist

at the Hal Holmes Center for the purpose of holding a public meeting for the Land Development Code Update project and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy project. Approved

Discussion Regarding the Potential Regulation of Outdoor Lighting and Related Draft Ordinance

Councilmember Bottcher gave a presentation on types of outdoor lighting, including energy conservation benefits, and potential regulation of new outdoor lighting through a proposed ordinance.

Five audience members spoke in support of a proposed outdoor lighting ordinance.
Motion to direct staff to bring back a draft outdoor lighting ordinance for Lillquist the February 22, 2011 meeting. Approved

Councilmember Elliott arrived at 9:15 p.m.

Council took a five minute break at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

**City Council Assignments to Board and Commissions**

Council reviewed current Board and Commission assignments and made the following amendments:

Councilmember Elliott – Utility Advisory Committee

HopeSource Board

Kittitas County EMS and Trauma Care Council

Mayor Tabb - Chamber of Commerce Liaison

City Finance Committee

ASCWU-BOD Liaison

Councilmember Arango – Kittitas County Conference of Governments (KCCOG)

QUADCO RTPO (alternate)

South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council

Councilmember Bassett – Kittitas County Conference of Governments (KCCOG) (alternate)

Councilmember Lillquist – Chamber of Commerce Liaison (alternate)

South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council (alternate)

**Manager’s Report**

**Flood Report**

City Manager Barkley advised the recent flooding, while not of the same magnitude as a couple of years ago, resulted in a different pattern of flooding. The City has placed dumpsters at Wippel Park, the old West Ellensburg Park and on 5th Avenue, East of Pacific Avenue for citizens to dump flood-damaged materials to be hauled away at the City’s expense. The Emergency Operations Center was not activated for this event.

**Jail Services Contract, Animal Control Contract**
Staff is currently reviewing a proposed jail services contract from the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office which is based on a pay-as-you-go model, with a mutually agreed record keeping strategy. Staff anticipates having the contract available for Council’s consideration within two to four weeks.

The animal control contract is under separate discussion and the parties are continuing to make progress. The City is continuing to accept animals from the County at this time.

**Rescheduling Council Retreat**

Staff is requesting Council reschedule the January 28, 2011 Council Retreat to allow the City Manager and Finance Director to attend a recession and recovery management conference at the University of Washington.

Reschedule Council Retreat for February 4, 2011 from 9-4 in the Council Lillquist Chambers. Approved

**Councilmembers’ Reports**

Councilmember Lillquist attended a Mental Health and Disabilities Board meeting.

Councilmember Elliott advised state funding for public health will be significantly hit in the next six months and on into the next couple of years.

Councilmember Arango advised Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) will sponsor a public function on January 29, 2011 from 11-3 at the Hal Holmes Center focusing on education and the environment. The library is a co-sponsor of the event.

Mayor Tabb attended a Resource Conservation meeting and a CWU Visioning meeting, and volunteered at Brewfest.

**Adjourn** Motion to adjourn at 10:01 p.m. Elliott

Approved

Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________

City Clerk