CITY OF ELLENSBURG
Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

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

Roll Call Present: Arango, Bottcher, Elliott, Lillquist, D. Miller, Tabb

Excused Absence: F. Miller

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Assistant City Engineer Mayo; Energy Services Director Titus; Community Development Director Smith; Gas Engineer Prue; Planner Eyerly; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda. 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: Lillquist

A. Approve Minutes – April 4, 2011, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – February 15, 2011

C. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Ellensburg Film Festival on October 8, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

D. Approve Street Closure Application for Kittitas County Farmers Market Every Saturday from May 7, 2011 Through October 29, 2011 for Fourth Avenue Between Pearl and Ruby Streets from 6:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

E. Approve Street Closure Application for John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Trail Riders on May 23, 2011 for D Street and University Way from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. with the Condition that the Applicant Provide a Traffic Control Plan and Responsible Party for Traffic Coordination and Closures
F. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the 2011 Library Services Agreement with Kittitas County

G. Award Bid Call 2011-12 – Vista View Phase II Electrical Construction to DJ’s Electrical, Inc.

H. Award Bid Call 2011-14 – Renewables Park Excavation to Pipkin Construction

I. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Abate of Washington – Kittitas County Chapter on April 30, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and May 1, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

J. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Interlocal Agreement with Kittitas County for Building Inspection and Plan Review Services

K. Approve Resolution No. 2011-08 to Authorize Milt Johnson to Remove One Tree in Front of 1604 Brook Lane

L. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Latecomers Agreement with Gordon Kelley

M. Approve April 18, 2011 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 102636 Through 102811 in the Amount of $402,237.28, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 81328 Through 81411 in the Total Amount of $99,678.78, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $189,817.58, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $4,112.00. Affirmed

Boards and Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tabb recommended Liza Druck be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s appointment. Lillquist

Affirmed

Presentation by Washington State Department of Transportation Regarding Upcoming Construction Season

Randy Giles, Washington State Department of Transportation, spoke regarding the upcoming construction season on I-90 east of Snoqualmie Pass.

Memorandum from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Regarding Funding

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met on April 12, 2011 to discuss and allocate funding to applicants for recommendation to the City Council.

Motion to approve the funding requests as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Elliott Committee. Affirmed

Public Hearing – Resolution No. 2011-09 – Surplus Utility Property
Mayor Tabb opened the public hearing to consider surplus utility property. The proposed resolution declares a 2000 Lincoln Ranger 250 Welder surplus and allows the City to trade it in to Oxarc, Inc.

Energy Services Director Titus summarized the agenda report.

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

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2011-09. Elliott

Affirmed

**Ordinance No. 4589 – Amendments to Outside Utility Service**

At the April 4, 2011 meeting, Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4589, which amends the City Code concerning the terms and conditions upon which the City will provide utility services to property located outside the city limits.

**Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4589.** Elliott

An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington relating to utility extension agreements and amending sections 2.48.040 and 2.48.060 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code to restate the terms and conditions upon which the City will provide utility services to property located outside the city limits and within the City’s Urban Growth Area.

Arango (yes)

Bottcher (yes)

Elliott (yes)

Lillquist (yes)

D. Miller (yes)

Tabb (yes)

Motion approved.

**Proposed Ordinance – Traffic Code Revisions**

The proposed ordinance reflects various changes to the Traffic Code.

**Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4590.**

Proposed Ordinance – Vista View Annexation

At the March 21, 2011 meeting, City Council held a public hearing to consider the petition for annexation of 69.08 acres and the adjacent Seattle Avenue, all known as the Vista View Annexation. After the public hearing, Council deemed it wise to annex said area and directed staff to return with an ordinance for adoption.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4591. Lillquist

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY KNOWN AS THE “VISTA VIEW” ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, ASSIGNING RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN ZONING CLASSIFICATION, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF EXISTING CITY INDEBTEDNESS AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BE EFFECTIVE. Affirmed

Modifications to Gas Conservation Program

The current gas conservation program utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding has not been as widely accepted as staff had expected. Both staff and the Utility Advisory Committee feel that transitioning from a federally funded program to a utility funded program would benefit more of the City’s customers.

Motion to authorize the Energy Services Director to proceed with the termination Elliott

of the WSU Community Energy Efficiency Pilot Program Grant Agreement. Affirmed

Motion to authorize the gas utility to offer a utility funded natural gas conservation Lillquist

program to provide rebates for residential and commercial weatherization and mechanical upgrades; and amend the 2011 Gas Fund budget to reflect a reduction in federal ARRA funds of $190,000 and the addition of $42,000 of utility funds for the gas conservation program. Affirmed

Manager’s Report

Set Special Meetings

Motion to set a special meeting on May 9, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an Arango

update of the land development code project. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Arango reported on The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
Councilmember Bottcher reported on the installation of lights at the Washoe Park.

Councilmember Elliott reported on a fundraiser event at the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital. He also attended the EMS Board meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist reported on a Northwest Power and Conservation Council event and a Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meeting.

Councilmember Lillquist discussed the infraction history memorandum provided by Chief Miller. Council requested staff bring this issue back on a future agenda.

Councilmember David Miller attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Head Start building. He also attended the CWU Strategic Plan open house.

Mayor Tabb reported on the CWU Strategic Plan open house and follow up meeting. He also reported on Head Start and the marketing plan for tourism.

Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale and potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes. Council was not expected to reconvene to take action.

At 8:38 p.m. the Council extended the executive session for five minutes.

At 8:43 p.m. the Council extended the executive session for five minutes.

Reconvene

At 8:48 p.m., the Council returned to the regular open meeting.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Elliott

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________

City Clerk