Mayor Tabb advised the audience of Community Connect Day on January 26, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fish Food Bank. The purpose of the event is to identify the number of homeless individuals in the community.

Mayor Tabb also reminded citizens and businesses of their obligation to keep sidewalks clear and accessible during winter for pedestrian use.

Awards and Recognitions

City Manager Barkley introduced the following new employees: Robert Salinas, Lateral Entry Police Officer, Dan Davis, Building Permit Technician; Robert Doobovsky, Building Inspector and Energy Auditor; and Erik Johnson, Mapping and Computer Drafting Technician.

Agenda Approval

Approve amended agenda to include Item 10.B. “Demolition Process for Elliott Houses – page 66.” Approved

Amend page 3 of the January 3, 2012 minutes, second paragraph, last Lillquist sentence to strike the words “to their Chambers of Commerce” and replace with the words “for tourism promotion.” Approved

Amend page 2 of the January 3, 2012 minutes under Boards and Aronica Commissions Applications, first paragraph, last sentence to read “The EBDA Nominating Committee has considered Ms. Levine for appointment.” Approved

Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA
Items listed below have been distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a Councilmember or at the request of a member of the public with concurrence of a Councilmember. Requests to remove items should be made under Item 4 Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve the amended Consent Agenda as follows: Elliott

A. Approve Minutes – January 3, 2012, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – November 2, 2011, November 7, 2011 and December 16, 2011

(2) Planning Commission – November 10, 2011 and December 8, 2011

(3) Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – November 9, 2011

C. Accept Bid Call 2011-27 – Cured-In-Place Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project as Complete

D. Approve University Way Banner Request for KKXE Home Business & Garden Expo from February 27, 2012 until March 4, 2012

E. Approve University Way Banner Request for Sprit of the West Cowboy Gathering from February 6, 2012 until February 20, 2012

F. Accept Bid Call 2011-13, Dolarway Line Work Construction Contract as Complete

G. Accept Bid Call 2011-24, SmartGrid 15 KV Line Construction Contract as Complete

H. Accept Bid Call 2011-25, Meadows Phase II Electrical Construction Contract as Complete

I. Accept Bid Call 2011-23, Electrical Pole Testing & Treatment Contract and Bid Call 2011-30, Tree Pruning Contract as Complete

J. Authorize the Mayor and City Staff to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ellensburg, Washington and Kittitas County, Washington, for the Housing of Inmates, 2012-2013


Approved
Boards and Commissions Appointments

Two citizens have recently applied to serve on various City boards and commissions. Marilyn Levine has applied to serve on the Ellensburg Business Development Authority Board and was introduced at the December 5, 2012 meeting. The EBDA Nominating Committee has subsequently considered Ms. Levine for appointment. Amy McGuffin has applied to serve on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee and was introduced at the January 3, 2012 meeting.

Confirm appointments of Marilyn Levine to the Ellensburg Business Aronica Development Authority Board and Amy McGuffin to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee. Approved

Proposed Ordinance – Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Deferral Amendments

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 4.06 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code to designate the Public Works Director as the official responsible for administrative decisions relating to the requirement for construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters in conjunction with development project applications. Current Code identifies the responsible official as the Community Development Director who is supportive of this change.

Move first reading of Ordinance No. 4612. Lillquist

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Ellensburg, Washington changing the person responsible for administration of the requirements for sidewalk, curb and gutter construction and amending section 4.06.060 of the Ellensburg Municipal Code.

Approved

Simpson Proposed Text Amendment – Add Residential Uses as a Permitted Use in the P-R Zoning District – Old Hospital Building

Community Development Director Smith summarized the agenda report on pages 54-57 of the agenda packet. Council asked questions of staff.

Mark Holloway, 802 E. 3rd Avenue, spoke in favor of a zone change to make the property consistent with the surrounding neighborhood.

Council asked further questions of staff.

Deny request for text amendment to PR zone. Miller

Council consensus is this issue is appropriate for discussion in the context of the comprehensive
plan update process. It is not the intent of the public reserve zone to accommodate unaffiliated residential; it has to be institutional in some form. The second problem is that a text amendment on the public reserve zone is inconsistent with the comprehensive plan. The City has an existing process in place to address this issue. The first step is do the text amendment on the comprehensive plan and then to address the rezone at that time. That process is established and it can be used in this situation.

Vote on motion. Approved

Further Council and staff discussion.

Taylor Simpson, 2608 Millstone Loop, stated as the Code is currently written public institutions can do whatever they want with PR zoned property using an accessory use provision while private ownership does not have this option. Mr. Simpson indicated he will be proposing another solution at the next meeting.

Demolition Process for Houses

At Council’s November 21, 2011 meeting Council requested a staff report outlining the demolition permit process for houses. Community Development Director Smith outlined the agenda report on pages 66-69 of the agenda packet.

Council asked questions of staff.

Daniel Herman, Mark Holloway and Taylor Simpson spoke to the issue.

Refer the process for the demolition permits with Council observations to the Arango Landmarks & Design Commission for their review to include an incentivized system to support perhaps movement of homes, timelines, review of other communities ordinances and acknowledging that that will be issues around hazardous waste and bonding that will not necessarily be part of the landmark and design review.

Council requested staff provide a report at the first meeting in April with updates as needed.

Vote on motion. Approved

Residential Exchange Program Settlement Agreement

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is allowing utilities that did not sign the Residential Exchange Program (REP) Settlement Agreement the first two times that it was offered an additional opportunity through January 30, 2012. The City chose to reject the settlement offer the first two times and staff recommends Council not sign the Agreement this time either.
Reject the settlement agreement. Elliott

Approved

**Modifications to Gas Conservation Program**

Funding in the 2012 budget for the current gas conservation program utilizing utility funding neglected to include money for rebates. Staff would like to amend the 2012 Gas Budget to add $80,000 for customer rebates. In addition, staff would like to clarify that the program is intended to be ongoing as the program status affects staffing.

Amend the 2012 Gas Fund budget to add $80,000 for customer rebates for Elliott the gas conservation program.

Council asked questions of staff.

Vote on motion. Approved

Confirm that at the current time Council does not intend to terminate the Elliott gas conservation program after 2012. Approved

**Manager’s Report**

**Executive Session**

An executive session is scheduled this evening for the purpose of setting the price for purchase/sale of property in which the city has an interest. Duration of the executive session will be approximately ten minutes.

**Tier II Electricity Pricing**

The City has received pricing for Tier II electricity rates at a rate considerably less than the rate being modeled. The impact on the City’s electric utility will not be as severe as projected. Council requested a background paper on utility pricing.

**Councilmembers’ Reports**

Councilmember Miller attended a Community Network Coalition meeting, as well as a Community Network group meeting. He will be in Olympia next week for the City Legislative Action Conference.

Councilmember Morgan attended her first KITTCOM board meeting as well as Association of Washington Cities training in Spokane for new councilmembers.

Mayor Tabb gave an update regarding the community center group and the Public Transit Committee.
Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 9:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. The executive session was announced to be for an estimated ten minutes.

Reconvene

At 9:45 p.m. Council returned to regular open meeting.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Elliott

Approved

____________________________________ Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________________

City Clerk