Roll Call Present: Arango, Aronica, Lillquist, Miller, Morgan, and Tabb.

Mayor Tabb indicated that Councilmember Elliott would be arriving later in the meeting.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Finance Director Ariwoola; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda. Aronica

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 – February 6, 2012, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions


(2) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – January 4, 2012

(3) Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – December 14, 2011

(4) Environmental Commission – November 16, 2011

C. Approve University Way Banner Request for Symposium on University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE) from May 7, 2012 until May 18, 2012

D. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Crouse Family Reunion at 413 W. Illinois Avenue for June 30, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

E. Authorize the Cost Share and Latecomer’s Agreement for the Utility Service for Desmond Knudson
F. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Professional Services Contract with URS Corporation for the West Ellensburg Levee Extension Project

G. Approve Use of West Ellensburg Park Rotary Fields and Closure of the Dike Road to Irene Rinehart Park from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on October 6, 2012 for the Manastash Metric Bike Tour

H. Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Amendment to Maintenance Services Contract for City Hall

I. Approve February 21, 2012 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 107016 Through 107220 in the Amount of $600,605.18, ACH Direct Deposit in the Amount of $67,866.47; Payroll Fund Check Numbers 83093 Through 83180 in the Total Amount of $103,334.35, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $199,679.70, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $3,862.00. Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Appointments**

Mayor Tabb recommended the following appointments: Jack Frost to the Parks and Recreation Commission, James Rivard to the Environmental Commission, and Tom Zett to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s appointments. Arango

Affirmed

**Letter from the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Requesting Highway Commercial Zone Text Amendment to Include Outlet Centers as a Permitted Use**

Ron Cridlebaugh, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the request for a Highway Commercial Zone text amendment to include outlet centers as a permitted use.

Motion to refer to the Planning Commission for review of the request to Lillquist accommodate the language with recommendation back to Council at the March 19, 2012 meeting with enabling legislation.

Motion to amend to add concurrently we ask staff to bring back enabling language Aronica for first reading at the March 5, 2012 meeting, Affirmed (Miller – no)

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

**2011 Annual Report from the Ellensburg Business Development Authority**

Ron Cridlebaugh, Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding the 2011 Annual Report for the Ellensburg Business Development Authority.
Update from the Ellensburg Downtown Association

Carolyn Honeycutt, Ellensburg Downtown Association (EDA), gave an update regarding downtown activities. In addition, the EDA is requesting approval for rewiring additional street poles to accommodate more snowflakes and approval of downtown trash receptacles and planters.

Council discussed the requests and asked about the proposed costs to the City for these requests.

Motion to approve the continued rewiring of the 45 historic downtown Aronica street poles to accommodate 90 additional snowflakes for 2012 and also to approve continued supplementing of the utility cost for all 190 snowflakes. Affirmed

Motion to approve the design and proposed color for the trash receptacles and planters Aronica as well as continued planting and maintenance for replacement and additional planters.

Council again discussed the costs of the requests to the City.

Vote on motion. Affirmed (Lillquist – no)

Proposed Ordinance and Resolution to Defease the General Obligation Bonds with an Interfund Loan

The proposed ordinance would provide for the call and redemption of the City’s Limited Tax Obligation Bonds. Staff requested that Council hold off on adopting the resolution until second reading of the ordinance.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4613. Aronica

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Ellensburg, Washington, relating to certain outstanding City of Ellensburg bonds; providing for the call and redemption of all of the City’s outstanding Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2001, and of all of the City’s callable Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2002. Affirmed

Quarterly Financial Status Report

Finance Director Ariwoola reviewed the Fourth Quarter 2011 Financial Status Report.

Council asked questions of staff and requested additional information regarding the 2010 General Obligation Bond projects.

Councilmember Elliott arrived at the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Motion to accept the Fourth Quarter 2011 Financial Status Report as presented. Elliott
Manager’s Report

City Manager Barkley gave his Manager’s Report.

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Aronica reported on the South Central Washington Resource Conservation and Development Council meeting.

Councilmember Elliott reported on the HopeSource Board and Kittitas County Public Health funding.

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the Utility Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Kittitas County Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee meeting and the Community Network Coalition meeting.

Councilmember Morgan reported on KITTCOM.

Mayor Tabb reported on the Finance Committee. He also spoke to Leadership Ellensburg and attended a community center group meeting.

Motion to grant an excused absence for Councilmember Elliott for the March 19, 2012 Arango meeting. Affirmed

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Arango

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________

City Clerk