CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting May 7, 2012
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Public Works Director Akers; Planning Supervisor Bailey; Finance Director Ariwoola; Accounting Specialist Payables Burke; and approximately 30 members of the audience.

Proclamations

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for National Historic Preservation Month.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Lillquist

Affirmed

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for Building Safety Month.

Motion to authorize Mayor to sign the proclamation. Lillquist

Affirmed

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for National Public Works Week.

Motion to approve the proclamation. Elliott

Affirmed

Mayor Tabb read the proclamation for Travel and Tourism Week.

Motion to approve signature on the proclamation. Elliott

Affirmed

Awards and Recognitions

City Manager Barkley acknowledged Stan Bassett Day.

New employee Thomas Burke, Accounting Specialist for Payables, was introduced by Finance Director Ariwoola.

Agenda Approval
Motion to approve the agenda with the amendment of moving Item 5.J to 6.D. Arango

Affirmed (Elliott – no)

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 16, 2012, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Landmarks & Design Commission – April 17, 2012

(2) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – March 7, 2012

(3) Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee – February 8, 2012


(5) Utility Advisory Committee – March 15, 2012

C. Approve Requests for Ellensburg Sprint Triathlon on July 28, 2012 and Whisky Dick Triathlon on July 29, 2012

D. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-06 – Authorizing Ed and Debra Bliss to Remove one Street Tree at 405 N. Poplar

E. Authorize the Energy Services Director to Sign the Agreement for Energy Smart Grocer Program with Bonneville Power Administration and the JACO Environmental Professional Services Contract; and Authorize Energy Services to Establish an Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program

F. Award Bid Call 2012-03 – East Ellensburg Substation Concrete Containment Construction to DJ’s Electrical, Inc. at a Total Price of $37,800

G. Approve Street Closure Application for John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders from Iron Horse Trail to 14th Avenue to Dean Nicholson Blvd., and Right on Alder St. to Fairgrounds on May 21, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

H. Approve Noise Waiver Application for Rhiannon Beunder at 1511 Glenn Dr. on May 11 and 12, 2012 from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
I. Approve University Way Banner Request from Kittitas Valley Junior Soccer Association from May 19, 2012 until May 27, 2012

J. Approve May 7, 2012 Claims Fund Voucher Numbers 107976 Through 108244 in the Amount of $967,080.82, ACH Direct Payments in the Amount of $1,472,523.82, Payroll Fund Check Numbers 83521 Through 83610 in the Total Amount of $99,780.41, Direct Deposit in the Amount of $187,375.81, and Electronic Fund Transfer of $3,887.00. Affirmed

**Boards and Commissions Applications**

Mayor Tabb recommended the following reappointments: Pat Carney, Tina Peet, and Karl Maier, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee; Delores Gonzalez, Parks and Recreation Commission; Carol Johnson, Cable Television Commission; Frederick Krueger, Landmarks and Design Commission; and Fred Padjen, Planning Commission.

Motion to approve the Mayor’s recommended reappointments. Elliott

Affirmed

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of appreciation for David Cross. Lillquist

Motion to amend to include a letter of appreciation signed by the Mayor to Ben Oblas. Aronica

Affirmed

Vote on main motion. Affirmed

**Presentation by Chamber of Commerce for the Quarterly Report**

Council acknowledged and discussed the quarterly report submitted by the Chamber of Commerce.

**Request from FISH to use Kiwanis and Mt. View Parks**

Roger McCune spoke regarding the request from FISH Food Bank to use Kiwanis and Mt. View Parks.

Motion to approve the use of Mt. View Park Monday through Friday from June 15 – August 24, 2012 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and Kiwanis Park from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and waive all parks fees for the program. Affirmed

**Approve a request from the Ellensburg Downtown Association for the use of the Rotary Pavilion and for a noise ordinance waiver on May 23, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Wildcat Appreciation Night**

Carolyn Honeycutt, Ellensburg Downtown Association, discussed the proposed use of Rotary Pavilion
and noise ordinance request.

Motion to approve a request from the Ellensburg Downtown Association for the Elliott use of the Rotary Pavilion and for a noise ordinance waiver on May 23, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for Wildcat Appreciation Night.

Citizen Comment on Non-Agenda Issues

Stan Bassett discussed curb cuts in the downtown. He also discussed Stan Bassett Day and youth programs.

Public Hearing - West Third Avenue Historic Corridor Designation

Planning Supervisor Bailey summarized the agenda report.

Motion to postpone the public hearing of West Third Avenue Historic Corridor Miller Designation indefinitely.

Steve Hayden, Friends of the Depot, requested the property that the two Wilbur-Ellis buildings are on be included in the West Third Avenue Historic Corridor Designation.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property to MTA Holdings, LLC

On April 2, 2012, Council conducted a public hearing for the purpose of declaring 100 acres of City-owned property to be surplus to the City’s needs and also to consider authorizing conveyance of the property to MTA Holdings, LLC. After completion of the hearing, Council adopted a resolution declaring the property to be surplus property. In accordance with City Code, now that 21 days have elapsed since completion of the hearing, Council may adopt a resolution formally authorizing conveyance of the property.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-07. Lillquist

Chris Schambacher, 218 Dennis, discussed the Rotary Park Expansion Plan and requested Council suspend the sale of the 100 acres.

Jeff Slothower, 201 W. 7th Avenue, attorney representing MTA Holdings, LLC, stated the previous comments the Council heard go beyond the resolution before the Council, which is to authorize the closing of a real estate transaction that the Council has already agreed to enter into.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

Proposed Resolution – Create Senior Financial Analyst/Budget Officer and Revise Pay
Resolution No. 2011-35

Staff has provided a revised resolution to create a Senior Financial Analyst/Budget Officer position to add that the resolution shall be effective retroactive to March 16, 2012 since the employee has been performing the new duties since that time.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-08 as handed out to Council tonight. Miller

Affirmed

Ellensburg City Code Relating to Tree Maintenance

Staff has incorporated amendatory language into existing City Code relating to tree removal for Council’s consideration.

Council discussed the proposed amendment language and provided direction to staff on suggested changes.

First Quarter 2012 Financial Report

Finance Director Ariwoola presented the First Quarter 2012 Financial Status Report.

Manager’s Report

Set Public Hearing

Motion to set a public hearing on May 21, 2012 to consider a request by Desmond Arango Knudson to execute an Outside Utility Extension Agreement to connect water and sewer service to Lot 1 of the Knudson Short Plat. Affirmed

Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Arango reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Arango from the Elliott May 21, 2012 meeting. Affirmed

Councilmember Elliott reported on the KVCH strategic planning meeting.

Motion to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Elliott from the Lillquist May 21, 2012 meeting. Affirmed

Councilmember Lillquist reported on the State Department of Natural Resources planning meeting for the Naneum forest.
Councilmember David Miller reported on the Campus and Community Coalition, Homelessness and Affordable Housing Committee; Reecer Creek floodway dedication, Arbor Day, Historical Museum, and an AWC State and Federal Policy Committee meeting.

Motion to grant an excused absence for Councilmember Miller from the Aronica May 21, 2012 meeting. Affirmed

Councilmember Morgan stated she will be resigning from the Campus and Community Coalition and reported on the Conference of Governments.

Mayor Tabb reported on the Transit Committee, National Day of Prayer, Shrub Steppe event, and Farmers Market.

Recess

Council recessed to executive session at 9:30 p.m. to consider a price at which the City may consider purchasing real property. The executive session was expected to last approximately 15 minutes and Council was not expected to reconvene.

The executive session commenced at 9:33 p.m.

At 9:48 p.m., Council announced the executive session would be extended for 10 minutes.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:58 p.m. Elliott

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________________

City Clerk