CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting
September 4, 2012

Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Absent: Mayor Tabb.

In Mayor Tabb’s absence, Mayor Pro Tem Elliott called the meeting to order.

Others present were City Manager Barkley; City Attorney Pidduck; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; City Engineer Lyyski; Community Development Director Smith; Parks and Recreation Director Case; and four members of the audience.

Agenda Approval

Motion to approve the agenda. Scheffer

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: Scheffer

A. Approve Minutes – August 20, 2012, Regular Session

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Environmental Commission – July 11, 2012

(2) Landmarks and Design Commission – August 7, 2012

(3) Planning Commission – July 12, 2012

C. Accept Bid Call 2012-16 - 15th Avenue Reconstruction as Complete

D. Accept Bid Call 2012-01 – Central Business District and Main Street Sidewalk Repair Project as Complete

E. Reject All Bids for Bid Call 2012-24 – Tree Pruning Contract and Rebid the Work
F. Approve Street Closure Application for Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce for Fourth Avenue between Pearl and Pine Streets and Pine Street between Third and Fourth Avenues on September 18, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.


H. Authorize the Energy Services Director to enter into an Agreement with TechCorr to Perform Services at a Cost of $52,677.60


Letter from Waste Management Regarding Rate Increase

Council acknowledged receipt of the letter from Waste Management notifying the City of a solid waste inflation rate adjustment.

Proposed Ordinance – Traffic Code Revisions

City Engineer Lyyski summarized the agenda report.

Council asked questions of staff.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4620. Lillquist


Council consensus was to direct staff to conduct a traffic speed study on Water Street and Mountain View Avenue.

Proposed Resolution – Donation to Library Trust Fund

The Library has received a bequest from the Patrick T. Brown estate in the amount of $50,000.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-24. Aronica

Affirmed

Discussion Draft Ordinance – Permanent Zoning Controls for Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens
City Attorney Pidduck discussed the draft ordinance for permanent zoning controls for medical marijuana collective gardens.

Council asked questions of staff.

Motion to insert the amended language as provided in the packets into the proposed Miller zoning ordinance and to recommend that this version of the zoning ordinance be forwarded to the Planning Commission and the State Department of Commerce for review, and perform a SEPA review. Affirmed (Aronica-no)

Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park Boundary Line Agreement

Parks and Recreation Director Case summarized the agenda report. A proposed boundary line agreement, which may require a supplemental budget request to pay for a portion of the survey work, is presented which would resolve a property line discrepancy between the City-owned Irene Rinehart Riverfront Park property and private property owned by Brian and Carol Mellegaard, the adjacent property owner on the south and west side of the Yakima River.

Jeff Slothower, 201 West 7th Avenue, attorney for Brian and Carol Mellegaard, answered questions from Council.

Motion to approve the exchange of quit claim deeds and authorize the Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney to execute the deeds and all other documents necessary to carry out the transaction. Affirmed

Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Community Development Director Smith summarized the agenda report. The County’s annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment process is underway and there are three proposed amendments that involve properties within the unincorporated portion of the Ellensburg Urban Growth Area (UGA).

Motion to direct staff to relay a message to the County that we would like to have a process and continue to work collaboratively on Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Council discussion on the motion indicated that it empowers staff to represent the City based on the direction that Council provides on the three Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

Motion to request staff to approach the County about establishing a process by which Lilquist the City receives notification of Comprehensive Plan and other zoning changes that are within the
City’s UGA. Affirmed (Aronica and Scheffer – no)

Staff is seeking direction from Council on how best to proceed in submitting City comments relating to the following proposed amendments:

12-01 - This proposed amendment is for a site specific non-project rezone from County Urban Residential zoning to County Highway Commercial zoning for unincorporated property located at 2106 W. Dolarway. This property is owned by Jeff and Valerie Calaway and fronts along Dolarway. It is currently undeveloped, although the common ownership property to the south is developed with a hay processing facility.

Council does not have significant issues with this amendment.

12-07 - This proposed amendment is for a non-project rezone of an unincorporated area at the intersection of Pfenning Road and Vantage Highway from the County’s Limited Commercial zoning classification to the General Commercial zoning classification in order to make it consistent with existing uses in that area.

Council indicated that this amendment makes sense.

12-02 - This is a request from a property owner in the unincorporated UGA to amend the County’s Airport Overlay Zone to allow for higher densities in Airport Zones 3 and 4.

Council does not support this amendment.

Manager’s Report

Staffing for Light Crew

Motion to authorize the City Manager to hire an additional groundman to place Lillquist into the City’s Lineman Apprenticeship Program to address staffing issues in the Light Division.

Affirmed

Set Public Hearings

Motion to set September 17, 2012 for a public hearing to consider a request by Greg Scheffer Armstrong for an Outside Utility Agreement located at 1631 Vantage Highway. Affirmed

Motion to set a public hearing for the Triple L Corporation and development Scheffer at the West Interchange for phasing and extension of the construction deadlines for October 15, 2012. Affirmed
Councilmembers’ Reports

Councilmember Scheffer reported on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Miller reported on the parade, Fair, and Rodeo.

Councilmember Lillquist reported on a meeting with the Energy Services Director applicants, a meeting with the delegation of Sanda City during their recent visit, and a Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Board meeting.

Councilmember Aronica reported on the Fair and Rodeo.

Mayor Pro Tem Elliott reported on the Rodeo and Fair and also the Taylor Bridge and Wenas Fires.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Scheffer

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ____________________________

City Clerk