CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Council Meeting, Regular Session

Date of Meeting
July 20, 2015

Time of Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting
Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

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

Others present were City Manager Akers; City Attorney Weiner; City Clerk Reno; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Power and Gas Manager Rowbotham; Energy Services Director Dunbar; City Engineer Mayo; and approximately 10 members of the audience.

Awards and Recognitions

Alex Eyre, Chair of Arts Commission, presented the awards for Ellensburg Art Treasure to Jane Orleman and Sue Wilson.

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: Tabb

A. Approve Minutes – July 6, 2015, Regular Meeting

B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

(1) Arts Commission – May 14, 2015 and June 11, 2015

(2) Library Board – May 12, 2015

(3) Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – May 6, 2015 and June 3, 2015

(4) Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission – May 13, 2015

(5) Utility Advisory Committee – April 14, 2015 and May 12, 2015

C. Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Structure 2/7 Land Use Agreement No. 20150341 with Bonneville Power Administration for the Helena Substation

D. Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Reecer Creek Restoration and Flood Hazard
Reduction Project Design and Permitting Services Agreement with URS

E. Approve and Adopt the Wastewater Treatment Facility Engineering Report as Complete

F. Accept Bid Call 2014-13 - Rotary Park Ball Field Upgrades Project as Complete

G. Approve Street Closure Application for Police Department for 100 Block of North Pearl on August 4, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

H. Approve Requests from Kittitas Valley Event Center for 2015 Kittitas County Fair and Ellensburg Rodeo from August 31 – September 7, 2015


Board and Commission Applications

Michael Burdick spoke regarding his interest in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Public Hearing - Proposed Ordinance – Vacation of Right-of-Way Request from Quirt Taylor - Grandview Addition (Legislative)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of right-of-way as requested by Quirt Taylor in the Grandview Addition.

City Engineer Mayo summarized the agenda report.

Council asked questions of staff.

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

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4708. Lillquist

An ordinance vacating certain public rights-of-way in portions of Blocks 8, 9, 10, and 11 of the Grandview Additions in Section 35, Township 18 North, Range 18 East, W.M., vacation being located in the City of Ellensburg, county of Kittitas, State of Washington. Affirmed

Ordinance No. 4707 - Create Transportation Benefit District

Council gave first reading to Ordinance No. 4707 at the July 6, 2015 meeting which creates a Transportation Benefit District.

Motion for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 4707. Tabb
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELLensburg, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE ELLensburg City code TO ENACT A new chapter 1.82, ELLensburg Transportation Benefit District, ESTABLISHING A Transportation Benefit District, SPECIFYing THE Boundaries for THE Transportation Benefit District, AND relating to THE MAINTENANCE AND PREServation OF EXISTING TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion to amend the ordinance on Page 92 of the agenda, Section 1.82.040.A to read: Tabb

“The District, upon approval by District voters followed by a majority vote of its governing board, may authorize a motor vehicle license fee of up to $100 …”

Affirmed

Vote on main motion. DuPont (yes)
Lillquist (yes)
Miller (yes)
Morgan (yes)
Scheffer (yes)
Tabb (yes)
Elliott (yes)

Motion approved.

PROPOSEd Ordinance – Telecommunications Utility Amendments

On June 1, 2015, City Council authorized staff to proceed with preparation of ordinance amendments, which was the consultant’s recommended first step during Phase 1 of the Telecommunications Utility Strategic Plan.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4709. Lillquist


Affirmed

PROPOSEd Ordinance – Arts Commission Funding
In response to a request from the Arts Commission, Council directed staff to prepare the necessary legislation to provide sustainable funding for the Arts Commission. The proposed ordinance provides for an annual allocation for arts equal to the greater of either $25,000 or 10 percent of construction sales tax.

Alex Eyre, Chair of Arts Commission, spoke regarding the proposed ordinance.

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4710. Tabb

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CHAPTER 1.33 “ARTS COMMISSION,” AMENDING SECTIONS 1.33.040, AND 1.33.240 OF THE ELLENSBURG CITY CODE, DELETING SECTION 1.33.080, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2.16 “FUNDS” TO ADD A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “2.16.4700 ARTICLE XXXIII. ART ACQUISITION FUND.”

Motion to amend the ordinance Section 1.33.240.A on Page 109 of the agenda Lillquist to add “…or $25,000 not to exceed $50,000”. Affirmed (Miller, Scheffer, Elliott – no)

Vote on main motion. Affirmed (DuPont, Scheffer, Elliott – no)

Proposed Resolution – Community Solar State Credit Authorization

The contributors of the Community Solar Project are eligible to receive a credit from the State of Washington under the Renewable Energy Cost Recovery Credit program. Staff needs authorization from Council to pass those credits on to contributors.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-16. Scheffer

Affirmed

Proposed Resolution and Ordinances – Council Funded Programs (Community Grants)

During development of the 2015/2016 Budget, Council formed a sub-committee to evaluate options for sustainable funding for local initiatives and programs that had previously been funded under the broad umbrella of Council Funded Programs. Staff has prepared the legislation necessary to implement the work of the sub-committee.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-17. Miller

Affirmed

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4711. Lillquist

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO CHAPTER 1.60 “ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION,”
AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1.60.080, 1.60.160, 1.60.240 AND 1.60.280 OF THE ELLENSBURG CITY CODE. Affirmed

Motion for first reading of Ordinance No. 4712. Miller

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, CHAPTER 1.16 AND ELLENSBURG LANDMARKS REGISTER AND PROCEDURES, CHAPTER 15.280 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1.16.120 AND 15.280.050 OF THE ELLENSBURG CITY CODE. Affirmed

Motion to accept the proposed language for the community grants program on Lillquist

Pages 129-131 of the Council Agenda except the program will reflect the resolution language as to the schedule. Affirmed

HopeSource Central Transit Operating Agreement and CWU Interlocal Agreement

HopeSource was successful in obtaining funding for the continuation of Central Transit service from the State Department of Transportation. The City’s previous agreement for this service expired at the end of June as did the interlocal agreement with CWU for their matching fund participation in the grant. Council is being requested to execute new agreements for the next two years of Central Transit Operation.

Motion to authorize continuation of Central Transit service and authorize Morgan the City Manager to execute the agreements on the City’s behalf. Affirmed

Community Renewable Energy Park Expansion

Council has been supportive of the Community Solar project since its inception in 2005. Contributor agreement amendment options were provided to contributors as well as adoption of a new renewable energy rate to support the Community Solar project and provide education on renewable energy. Energy from the Community Solar project is now being offered to all City light customers but is limited to the present system output. Expansion would provide more energy to market and reduce the wholesale power purchases.

Martha Duskin-Smith, 1108 Craig Avenue, discussed the proposed Community Renewable Energy Park expansion.

Motion to approve the expansion of the Community Renewable Energy Park and Scheffer authorize staff to proceed with design and competitive bidding. Affirmed

Motion to approve a supplemental budget request as outlined herein. Scheffer
Affirmed

**Bus Shelter Project Modifications**

Installation of the new bus shelters is underway and a few changes to the installation plan have driven the need to increase the project budget. Council is being requested to authorize an additional expenditure from the transit reserve account for painting, assembling, and installing the structures. Purchase of an additional structure is also being requested for installation at the CWU Student Union.

Motion to approve adding $20,000 to the bus shelter project budget for acquisition of an additional shelter and to allow contract painting of the shelters with assembly and installation by City staff. Affirmed

**Transit Feasibility Study Update – Nelson Nygaard Contract Approval**

In anticipation of a ballot measure asking City voters to support public transit and to determine the current and future needs of public transit, staff is requesting Council authorization for funding to update the City’s transit feasibility study.

Motion to authorize a budget adjustment to make funding available for the transit feasibility study update and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Nelson Nygaard to complete the study update. Affirmed

**Manager’s Report**

**Set Public Hearing**

Motion to set a public hearing on August 3, 2015 to consider amending the Six Year Morgan Transportation Improvement Plans. Affirmed

**Amend Start Time of Meeting**

Motion to amend the start time to 6:00 p.m. for the August 17, 2015 meeting to discuss the presentation on Public Safety Building options. Affirmed

**Councilmembers’ Reports**

Councilmember Morgan reported on the Conference of Governments.

Councilmember Miller reported on the Law and Justice Council meeting, the Homeless and Affordable Housing Committee meeting, the Finance Committee meeting, and the entrance meeting with the State Auditors.
Councilmember Lillquist reported on a Chamber after hours event at the Recycle Shop to promote the Bike Friendly Community award.

Councilmember DuPont advised that the President’s office requested a joint meeting be scheduled with the CWU Executive Board. He also advised the ASCWU BOD requested to make a presentation at the August 17, 2015 meeting regarding changing “D” Street to “Wildcat Way”. Council requested staff bring back information regarding associated costs to make that change.

Councilmember Scheffer reported on the Utility Advisory Committee.

Mayor Elliott reported on a tour of the Depot Building, the burn ban amendment by the Fire District to allow charcoal and traeger type grills, EMS costs will go up approximately 35% in the upcoming budget, and requested Council delay action for the request to the County to enact a fireworks ban at this time and Council agreed.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Scheffer

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________

City Clerk