

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

September 18, 2023

Time of Meeting

7:00 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Winn.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp (present remotely), Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Monica Miller, Adam Winn

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Senior Planner Henderson, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, Assistant Utilities Director Larsen, Gas Engineer Yusi, Parks & Recreation Director Case, HR Director Young, and approximately 15 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: two members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Celebrating National Voter Registration Day - September 19, 2023
Nancy Wieking, member of the League of Women Voters Kittitas County, read the proclamation. Ms. Wieking read a statement by the League President.
- 2.B Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month 2023
Monica Castelan - APOYO representative, read the proclamation in English.

3. Awards and Recognitions

- 3.A Checkerboard Partnership Update
Mitch Long with Kittitas Conservation Trust and Nicky Pasi with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, reviewed a presentation and information concerning the Cle Elum Ridge Forest Legacy Project. They also requested a letter of support from the City for a grant application submittal.
- 3.B Natural Gas Division Awards Presentation
Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer, presented information concerning awards the City Gas Division received. Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director, and Darren Larsen, Assistant Utilities Director, were also present.

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Supplement No. 1 to the Consultant Agreement with Power Engineers, Inc. for GIS Support Services
- 5.D Contract Renewal - Small Government Enterprise Agreement between the City of Ellensburg and ESRI for GIS Enterprise Software
- 5.E Authorization to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement for the Natural Gas Division
- 5.F Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2022-01, Alder St – University Way to Dean Nicholson Boulevard and 14th Ave Trail and Signalization Project
- 5.G Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2021-05, 5th Avenue and Railroad Avenue Signalization Project
- 5.H 2023 Distribution Transformer Purchase
- 5.I Approve September 18, 2023 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Board and Commission Appointments (Public Comment Opportunity)
Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the appointment of Judy Pless to the Civil Service Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Angela Lang, 701 E 6th Ave, spoke regarding Reed Park and Craigs Hill
- Susan Wheatly, Kittitas County resident and past animal shelter volunteer, spoke regarding concerns she has with animal shelter facility maintenance
- Pat Kelleher, 6530 Wilson creek Rd, spoke regarding a sidewalk through Reed park for pedestrians
- Fennelle Miller, 605 N Anderson St, spoke regarding access to Council Agendas on the City's website

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Closed Record Hearing for Rezone Application P21-132, from Residential Suburban (R-S) and Residential Medium (R-M) to Residential High (R-H) Zoning, Submitted by Matt Stalder Representing Property Owners, and First

Reading of Ordinance 4924 (Limited Public Comment)

The Mayor opened the public hearing. The Mayor asked the standard questions regarding appearance of fairness and conflict of interest. There were no appearance of fairness, ex parte contacts or conflicts of interest disclosed by the Mayor or Councilmembers. Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

With no questions or comments from the applicant or Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve rezone application request P21-132 to rezone parcels 652733 and 712733 to a Residential High (R-H) zoning designation and adopt the Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Conditions of Approval issued on August 17, 2023. **Motion Approved 7-0**

Councilmember Elliott moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4924. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Resolution 2023-24 Updating the Personnel Policies Manual for the City of Ellensburg (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lisa Young, HR Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to adopt Resolution 2023-24, amending the Personnel Policies Manual for the City of Ellensburg. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Dissolution of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission and First Reading of Ordinance 4925 (Public Comment Opportunity)
Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved conduct first reading of Ordinance 4925, dissolving the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Termination of the Affordable Housing Agreement with Stalder Interests for the 1st & Pine Properties (Parcels 617033 and 937033) (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, reviewed information concerning the issue and stated she would be terminating the Agreement for the reasons outlined in her Agenda Report. Council consensus was to schedule a study session with the Affordable Housing Commission to discuss the City's affordable housing needs.
- 11.B Historic Preservation Grant Extension Request (Public Comment Opportunity)

Stacey Henderson, Senior Planner, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to approve Nicole Hilderman's one year grant extension request for her 2023 Historic Preservation Grant funding amount of \$4,000, to be utilized in 2024, and approve the necessary budget adjustments.

Motion Approved 7-0

12. Miscellaneous

12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)

The City Manager reviewed the report. She also gave a status report of current field house facility funding, new Sunday hours for the memorial pool and stated the discussion for International Building Code review will be rescheduled for a future study session in early 2024.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the Affordable Housing commission, and attended the Library Board and Sr. Citizens Advisory Commission meetings
- Councilmember Elliott attended EBDA/CenterFuse meeting, and will need to step down from the KITTCOM Board because of his increased involvement in KITTCOM operations
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the DEI Commission meeting
- Councilmember David Miller attended the council-funded grants sub-committee and Arts Commission meetings and People First Convention
- Councilmember Monica Miller attended a work group for the Creative Economy Recovery Task Force, the Unity Park art selection task force meeting and the Landmarks & Design Commission meeting
- Councilmember Winn attended the council-funded grants sub-committee and County Lodging Tax meetings
- Mayor Lillquist attended the People First Convention, County Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee meeting, will attend Bite of the Burg on Tuesday and announced Coffee with Council will be on Friday.

Councilmember David Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Elliott for the October 16, 2023 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

The Mayor read highlights of a recent public notice concerning fire lane requirements at the American Legion and the Reed Park Master Plan update.

13. Executive Session

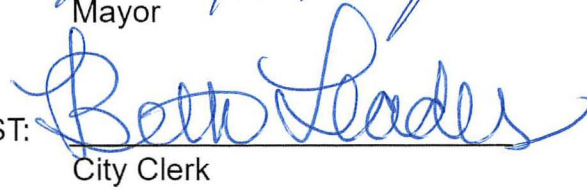
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk