



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

October 2, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by American Legion Member, Scott Heaverlo

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Monica Miller, Adam Winn

Absent: Sarah Beauchamp

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve an excused absence for Councilmember Beauchamp. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Others present in person: City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Engineering Manager Mayo, Gas Engineer Yusi, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Adult Activity Center Coordinator Clavette, Finance Director Pascoe, Parks & Recreation Director Case and approximately 30 members of the public

Mayor Lillquist read a statement condemning recent harassment against a candidate for office.

2. Proclamations

2.A Public Natural Gas and Power Week

2.B Hispanic Latinx Heritage Month Proclamation
Monica Castelan read the proclamation in Spanish and English

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

- 5.B Approve Minutes of September 18, 2023 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.D Accept the resignation of Sawyer Stearns from the Public Transit Advisory Committee and accept the resignation of Andrea Sledge from the Library Board and Environmental Commission.
- 5.E Agreement for Professional Services for the Engineering and Design of the Mountain View and Bull/Willow Signalization Design
- 5.F Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2022-11, Middle Reach Reecer Creek Flood Hazard Reduction and Floodplain Restoration Project
- 5.G Approve Voucher Listing for October 2, 2023

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Board and Commission Appointments (Public Comment Opportunity)
Phil Backlund introduced himself.

Councilmember Elliott moved to approve the appointment of Phil Backlund to the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 6.B Public Transit Advisory Committee (PTAC) Appointment of Central Washington University (CWU) member. (Public Comment Opportunity)

Councilmember Elliott moved to approve the appointment of Charles Johnson to the Public Transit Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 6-0**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

The Mayor relayed information regarding the October 18th open house to discuss Reed Park Master Plan options.

- Angela Lang read a statement regarding the Reed Park Master Plan and parking at Craig's Hill
- Nicole Paxton spoke regarding the American Legion and a discussion with city staff regarding parking options
- Scott Heaverlo, spoke regarding fire lane requirements by the American Legion
- Natasha Norwood, spoke regarding requested changes to the Memorial pool women's locker and restroom/shower areas
- Trish Agnew spoke regarding the use of the American Legion
- Teresa Plue spoke regarding Reed Park and an issue at the Memorial pool
- Pat Kelleher spoke regarding pedestrian safety at Reed Park

- Trish Agnew completed her comments on the use of the American Legion
- Angela Lang responded to a previous comment made regarding Craig's Hill parking

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) - 2024 Proposed Revenue Sources Including Property Tax (Public Comment Opportunity)

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

With no questions or comments from the public and minimal questions from Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action was taken.

8.B Public Hearing (Legislative) to Consider 2023 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Conduct First Reading of Ordinance 4926 (Public Comment Opportunity)

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report and reviewed each of the proposals submitted.

Randy Jensen, docket proposal 23-04 applicant and owner of the Vantage Hwy properties, spoke regarding use of the property. Exhibits provided by Mr. Jensen were entered into the record as Exhibit "J."

Council asked questions of staff. With no further questions, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve docket items 23-01, 23-02 and 23-03. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Refer docket item 23-04 back to the Planning Commission for evaluation of proper zoning and land use classification for the 2023 cycle. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve docket item 23-05. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Goodloe moved to request staff provide amended ordinance language before second reading that reflects return of docket item 23-04 to the Planning Commission instead of disapproval. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Elliott moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4926. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4925- Dissolution of the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission (Public Comment Opportunity)

Katelyn Clavette, Adult Activity Center Coordinator, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4925. **Motion Approved 6-0**

9.B First Reading of Ordinance 4927 for creation of LEOFF 1 Disability Board (Public Comment Opportunity)

Beth Leader, City Clerk, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Elliott moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4927. **Motion Approved 6-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Request to update Council Rules and Procedures to remove requirement to provide an address for public comment (Public Comment Opportunity)

Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer, presented information in the staff report. Councilmembers agreed on the importance of whether speakers are city residents or not.

Council consensus was to refer back to staff to remove address requirements, except during public hearings and include a statement of residency for speakers.

12. Miscellaneous

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

Terry Weiner, Assistant City Manager/City Attorney, presented the report.

Councilmember Elliott will be providing assistance to KITTCOM during their transition to a new director and needs to step down from the board.

Councilmember Winn volunteered to serve on the KITTCOM board.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Authorize the Mayor's signature on the Letter of support for Cle Elum Ridge Large Landscape Project. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Council took no action on the letter of support for the Valley Play Museum grant application.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

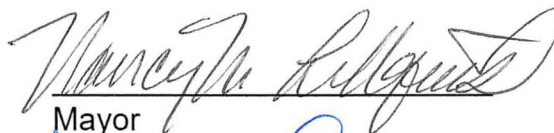
- Councilmember Elliott providing assistance to KITTCOM
- Councilmember Goodloe explained the World Cafe event is postponed until January 2024, attended a Council of Governments meeting, and the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee

- Councilmember David Miller attended Coffee with Council, Council grant funding sub-committee meeting, Central Transit finance meeting and attended a meeting at Open Table
- Councilmember Monica Miller attended Coffee with Council
- Councilmember Winn attended the Law & Justice Council. He requested staff provide a cost analysis of changes to the Memorial Pool changing rooms
- Mayor Lillquist attended the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting, Kittitas County Economic Development Strategic Plan implementation workshop, Kittitas County Commissioners Town Hall meeting, audit exit interview with the State Auditor's office, Bite of the Burg event, County LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting and stated the City webpage will be updated soon with additional options for Reed Park

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk