



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Utility Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 19, 2023

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Chairperson Goodloe called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Members present: Nancy Goodloe, Chair; Nancy Lillquist, City Council; Jeff Bousson, CWU; Grant Craig, Utility Customer (Zoom); Audrey Huerta, Utility Customer; Bryan Clark, KITTCOM (Zoom).

Also present: Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director; Michael Jenkins, Finance Officer; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer; Derek Mayo, Engineering Services Manager; Mike Helgeson, Assistant PW&U Director (Zoom); Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst;

Two members of the public present remotely via Zoom.

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion approved. 6-0**

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A July 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the regular meeting minutes.

Motion approved. 6-0

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

No consent items.

5. Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None.

6. Telecommunications Utility Discussion Items

None.

7. Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Utility Discussion Items

Ryan Lyyski handed out a 2024-2030 natural gas rate forecast slide that went to council October 16th for the first reading. He spoke about "legacy customers" - customers with established gas service before July 25, 2021. The structure will not impact senior, disabled or

low income utility customers in terms of compliance with the CCA. The first reading of the ordinance has already been to council. The second reading of the ordinance will be November 6, 2023. No motion was necessary.

8. Staff Informational Items

8.A Natural Gas Division - 2023 Awards

Darin Yusi shared the Gas division awards that were recently received: SOAR silver, safety contest and Excellence in Environmental Stewardship.

8.B Annual Natural Gas Safety Survey Results

Darin Yusi shared the results of the in-house natural gas safety survey and felt the responses and outreach were better than in the past.

8.C Public Works and Utilities Updates

Staff gave updates on current projects and information from the staff report was shared.

9. Commission Representative Update

Jeff Bousson shared CWU is currently working on a sustainability plan projected to be completed by 2024. He also mentioned that the new Geothermal well will save at least 10% of Central's natural gas consumption.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.