



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

October 16, 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, Rich Elliott (remotely via Zoom), Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Monica Miller, Adam Winn

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, Energy Resources Manager Stanavich, Shop & Warehouse Manager Slyfield, Assistant Public Works Director Helgeson, Water Department employees, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Johnston, HR Director Young and approximately 23 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: one member of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A National Disability Employment Awareness Month October 2023 - Advancing Access and Equity
Jason Self read the proclamation

3. Awards and Recognitions

- 3.A APWA Chapter Heroes Award presented to Ellensburg Water Division, Public Works & Utilities
Mike Helgeson, Assistant Public Works Director, presented information regarding the Award presented to the City Water Department

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember David Miller Moved to Amend the Agenda by adding a second executive session per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss potential litigation, as Item 13.B.

Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve the Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of October 2, 2023 Regular meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of October 2, 2023 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards & Commissions
- 5.D Approve October 16, 2023 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Angela Lang, spoke regarding the City survey for Reed Park options
- Cheryl Chance, spoke regarding Craigs Hill and the American Legion
- Scott Heaverlo, spoke regarding the Reed Park property and the property Deed with the County
- Nicole Paxton, American Legion Auxiliary President, spoke regarding the Reed Park project and American Legion business
- Pat Kelleher, spoke regarding ADA accessibility and potential approval of changes to Reed Park by County Commissioners
- Michelle Harrison, Millpond resident, spoke regarding the striping at the South roundabout, City projects and Reed Park/American Legion

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Resolution 2023-25 to Surplus City-owned Lands and Authorize City Manager to Sign Land Exchange Agreement and Accept Easement from the US Bureau of Reclamation (Public Comment Opportunity)
The Mayor opened the public hearing. Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director, presented information in the staff report. Wendy Christensen with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation was present to answer questions.

Wendy Christensen, Bureau of Reclamation, spoke regarding the project and the Bureau's appreciation to the City and Twin City Foods for their participation. Council asked questions of staff and with no comments or questions from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to Adopt Resolution 2023-25. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Councilmember David Miller moved to Authorize the City Manager to sign the quitclaim Deed and accept the quitclaim deed and easement with the Bureau of Reclamation. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

8.B Public Hearing to Consider Title 15 Land Development Code Amendments and First Reading of Ordinance 4929 (Public Comment Opportunity)

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report and reviewed the five proposed amendments.

Council asked questions of staff. With no questions or comments from the public, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Winn moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4929.

Motion Approved 7-0.

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A Resolution 2023-26, Multifamily Housing Limited Property Tax Exemption Agreement with Patricia Place, LLC for Patricia Place I, 212 West 5th Avenue (Public Comment Opportunity)

Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember David Miller moved to adopt Resolution 2023-26 and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement with Patricia Place, LLC. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9.B Ordinance 4928 (1st reading) - Natural Gas rate adjustment to comply with WA State's Carbon Reduction and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Cap and Invest program (Public Comment Opportunity)

Buddy Stanavich, Energy Resources Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Claudia Self asked a question regarding customer disability. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4928 adopting the rate adjustments necessary to comply with the State's Carbon Reduction and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Cap and Invest program, and approve necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 6-1** (Winn voted no).

9.C First Reading of Ordinance 4930 to Amend Title 4.14A Streeteries, Parklets, and Sidewalk Cafes (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4930. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9.D Second Reading of Ordinance 4924 for Rezone Application P21-132 (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember David Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of

Ordinance 4924, approving rezone application P21-132. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9.E Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 4927 for creation of LEOFF 1 Disability Board (Public Comment Opportunity)

Beth Leader, City Clerk, presented information in the staff report. She reviewed the addition of language in the ordinance concerning board members.

Councilmember David Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4927. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager reviewed the report.

Two executive sessions were required per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and was anticipated to last 30 minutes. No action would be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the Affordable Housing Commission, reported on an upcoming documentary premier of "Unseen" at Morgan Middle School on November 14th and the Library will hold their birthday celebration on January 20th
- Councilmember Elliott attended the CenterFuse and EMS Council meetings, and was currently attending a leadership conference for Wildfire Mitigation
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the DEI Commission meeting, and spoke about the pocket forest groundbreaking at Ida Nason Elementary
- Councilmember David Miller attended the American Planning Association Chapter meeting in Spokane, and will attend the upcoming AWC meeting in Cle Elum
- Councilmember Monica Miller attended the Landmarks & Design Commission meeting
- Councilmember Winn reported the LTAC meeting is upcoming and received 27 applications for funding, and attended the KITTCOM Board meeting
- Mayor Lillquist attended the Association of Washington Business bus tour at ACX, spoke at a PEO Service Organization regarding Boards & Commissions and attended an Airport Advisory Commission meeting

13. Executive Session

13.A Per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), To review collective bargaining sessions with

employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

- 13.B Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Council recessed at 9:12 pm to take a five-minute break and would then go directly into Executive Session. It was anticipated to last 30 minutes.

Council reconvened at 9:43 pm

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm


Mayor

ATTEST: 
City Clerk