



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

November 6, 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 Councilmember Beauchamp

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, 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, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Finance Director Pascoe, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, Energy Resources Manager Stanavich, Parks Director Case, Engineering Manager Mayo and approximately 45 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: six members of the public

The Mayor read a statement concerning Reed Park and the American Legion.

2. Proclamations (Public Comment Opportunity)

- 2.A Native American Heritage Month
Christy Gilchrist, CWU Director of Research & Sponsored Programs, read the proclamation.
- 2.B Veterans Day 2023
Councilmember Winn read the proclamation.

3. Awards and Recognitions

- 3.A Rodeo Board 100 Year Update
Carl Jensvold, Rodeo Board President, provided highlights of the 100th Anniversary Rodeo and thanked the City for their support including the water tower mural.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C City of Ellensburg Central Transit Title VI Plan
- 5.D Resolution 2023-27 Approving Mike and Debra O'Neil's Street Tree Removal Request at 1211 N Vuecrest Road
- 5.E Resolution 2023-28 Katie Meadows Final Plat Phase 1 Approval - P23-053
- 5.F Award Bid Call No. 2023-15 Tree Trimming Contract Utility Electrical Distribution System to Uribe's Tree Service LLC
- 5.G Bid Award - Bid Call No. 2023-17 - Anderson Road Sewer Project
- 5.H Project Acceptance - Bid Call 2022-12 - Rotary Park Field Light Installation Project
- 5.I Purchase of Generator and Switch for Craig's Hill Pressure Zone Improvements Project
- 5.J Craig's Hill Pressure Zone Improvements Supplemental Agreement #1 for Professional Services
- 5.K Community Thanksgiving Dinner Interagency Agreement Between CWU and the City
- 5.L Approve November 6, 2023 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Jeff Whitman, 2104 N Parklane Ave., spoke concerning parking along Reed Park property and other issues at Craig's Hill
- Penny Whitman, 2104 N Parklane Ave., spoke concerning Reed Park
- Cheryl Chance spoke regarding Bid Call 2023-12 advertisement
- Angie Lang spoke regarding the American Legion, Reed Park and the survey
- Laurie Harper spoke regarding the Reed Park survey timeline
- Nicole Paxton, American Legion Auxiliary President, spoke regarding parking around Reed Park
- Sandy Scherich spoke regarding Craig's Hill and the American Legion
- John Pickett, spoke regarding the Reed Park survey
- Five members of the public attending remotely, spoke regarding topics unrelated to Council business and were therefore ordered to be muted by the Mayor

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) for Proposed 2024 Property Tax Levy Ordinance 4931 (first reading) (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Jeff Whitman, 2104 N Parklane Ave, questioned the amount of tax increase. With no questions or comments from Council, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Elliott moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4931 establishing the Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for 2024. **Motion Approved 6-1 (Winn voted no)**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4928 (second reading) - Natural Gas Rate Adjustment to Comply with Washington 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. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Elliott moved to approve conducting second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4928 with amendments suggested by staff, as presented, 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)**

Councilmember Elliott left the meeting at 8:13 pm

- 9.B Ordinance 4929 (second reading) - 2023 Land Development Code Amendments (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Winn moved to approve conducting second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4929, with amendments suggested by staff, as presented, adopting proposed 2023 Land Development Code Amendments. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.C Ordinance 4930 (second reading), Amending Title 4.14A Streeteries, Parklets, and Sidewalk Cafes (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Councilmember Winn moved to approve conducting second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4930, approving amendments to Title 4.14A Streeteries, Parklets, and Sidewalk Cafes. **Motion Approved 6-0**

Councilmember Elliott returned to the meeting at 8:20 pm

- 9.D Ordinance 4932 (first reading) - Amending ECC 1.01.010 to Provide for Republication of the Ellensburg City Code by Municode (Public Comment Opportunity)

Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to approve conducting first reading of Ordinance 4932, amending ECC 1.01.010. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.E Resolution 2023-29 - Update of the City Council Rules of Procedure (Public Comment Opportunity)

Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Christy Gilcrest commented regarding a requirement of the public to be on camera, if attending meetings remotely.

Councilmember David Miller moved to approve adoption of Resolution 2023-29, updating the City Council Rules of Procedure. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A 2023 Third Quarter Financial Status and Investment Reports (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the two reports.

Councilmember Elliott moved to approve accepting the 2023 Third Quarter Financial Status and Investment Reports as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.B Annual Poet Laureate and Arts Commission Report, 2024 Spending Plan and Grant Awards (Public Comment Opportunity)

Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information in the staff report. Marie Marchand read a poem and spoke about serving as the Poet Laurette for the past year. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember David Miller moved to approve the recommended Arts Commission Project Grant awards. **Motion Approved 6-0 (Monica Miller abstained)**

Councilmember David Miller moved to approve the 2024 Arts Commission Spending Plan. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 11.C Fieldhouse Consultant Agreement (Public Comment Opportunity)

Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Winn moved to approve authorizing the City Manager to sign the consultant agreement with the Helix Design Group in the amount of \$1,122,300.00 and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

11.D 2024 City of Ellensburg Legislative Priorities (Public Comment Opportunity)
The City Manager presented the legislative priorities proposed for 2024.

Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke regarding clean-up of the Racquet & Rec Center property and the potential for increase of electricity capacity for increased future load on the electric grid.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the 2024 City of Ellensburg Legislative Priorities. **Motion Approved 7-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the report. She shared a letter in support of the Washington Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group that the Mayor signed and was on the dais for Council's information.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

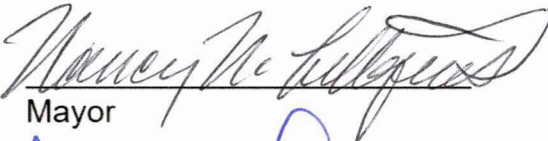
- Councilmember Winn attended the LTAC meeting for grant application rating
- Councilmember Monica Miller attended the Chamber government affairs luncheon
- Councilmember David Miller attended the Reed Park Master Plan open house, Finance Committee, AWC regional meeting in Cle Elum, groundbreaking ceremony for FISH food bank warehouse, Postcard Mural ribbon cutting and discussed information he received from the Department of Commerce regarding the missing middle for housing
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the AWC regional meeting, Reed Park Master Plan open house, County Homelessness & Affordable Housing committee meeting, groundbreaking ceremony for FISH food bank warehouse, AWC DEI cabinet meeting and Utility Advisory Committee meeting
- Councilmember Elliott mentioned the Fire Department is hosting a Veteran's Day luncheon on Saturday, and he recently attended Wildland Fire Leadership Council training
- Councilmember Beauchamp participated in the downtown trick or treat event, attended Pumpkin Flotilla event at Irene Rinehart, Postcard Mural ribbon cutting. She gave a reminder of the Documentary screening of "Unseen" on the 14th and the League of Women Voters panel regarding Affordable Housing

- Mayor Lillquist attended the Utility Advisory Committee, LEOFF 1 Disability Board, Coffee with Council, Reed Park Master Plan open house, Nichol森 Pavilion ribbon cutting, groundbreaking ceremony for FISH food bank warehouse, Oddfellows open house, APOYO Fiesta Latina event, Sustainability sub-committee meeting, AWC regional meeting in Cle Elum, Mayor's lunch in Kittitas, Habitat for Humanity Make a Difference Day event, Checkerboard Partnership meeting, meeting regarding the Flood mitigation study at the west interchange, and recently spoke with Marla at Josie's Misfit Ranch regarding the abandoned animal crisis

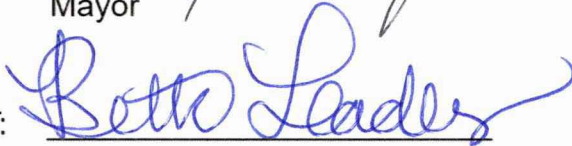
13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned @ 9:42 pm


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk