



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Utility Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

January 18, 2024

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; Grant Craig, Utility Customer (Zoom); Bryan Clark, KITTCOM (Zoom). Absent: Jeff Bousson, CWU (excused); Audrey Huerta, Utility Customer (unexcused).

Also present: Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer (Zoom); Derek Mayo, Engineering Services Manager (Zoom); Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Buddy Stanavich, Energy Resource Manager; Nicole Baker, Sustainability & Energy Coordinator;

One member of the public present remotely via Zoom.

2. Elect Chairperson & Vice Chairperson

Nancy Lillquist moved to move item 2 to the end of the meeting - anticipating the arrival of another member. **Motion approved. 3-0**

Lillquist move to postpone election of chair and vice chair to the February UAC meeting. **Motion approved. 3-0**

3. Approval of Agenda

Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion approved. 3-0**

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.A November 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes
Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the regular meeting minutes.
Motion approved. 3-0

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

No consent items.

6. Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Forrest Beard of Ellensburg, saw the storm water charge on his new utility bill. He reviewed city code which said the fee will be collected via owner or tenant. He feels the fee is leveled on non-permeable surface and should be paid by the property owner and not tenants.

7. Telecommunications Utility Discussion Items

- 7.A Monthly Telecom Report
Ben Faubion gave a telecom update.

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

- 8.A Renewable Energy Park - Update
Buddy Stanavich shared a presentation on the renewable energy park.
- 8.B HopeSource Low-Income Energy Conservation Program
Buddy Stanavich explained the history of the low-income energy conservation program and the benefits of it. Andrew Lyons of HopeSource spoke in favor of the ongoing gas & electric conservation program and how valuable it is to their customers to make their homes more affordable and safer to live in.

Lillquist moved to continue supporting the HopeSource low-income energy conservation program. **Motion approved. 3-0**

9. Staff Informational Items

- 9.A Public Works and Utilities Updates
Staff shared Public Works updates

10. Commission Representative Update

Lillquist told the Committee that Council did approve the sustainability and energy plan.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.