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Date of Meeting	**January 2, 2024**
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 Goodloe.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

1.A Oath of Office for Councilmembers Beauchamp, Elliott, Miller, and Thompson
The City Clerk administered the oath of office to councilmembers Beauchamp, Elliott, Miller and Thompson

1.B Call to Order and Roll Call
Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Joshua Thompson

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, City Engineering Manager Mayo, and approximately 15 members of the public.

Others present remotely via Zoom: two members of the public

1.C Elect New Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
Mayor Lillquist opened nominations and nominated Councilmember Elliott for Mayor. With no other nominations, the Mayor closed nominations.

Councilmember Elliott moved to conduct election for Mayor by voice vote.
Motion Approved 6-0.
Motion to approve Councilmember Elliott as Mayor. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Mayor Elliott opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Goodloe nominated Councilmember Lillquist. With no other nominations, the Mayor closed nominations.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct election for Mayor Pro Tempore by voice vote. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Motion to approve Councilmember Lillquist as Mayor Pro Tempore. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

2. Proclamations

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of December 18, 2023

5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards & Commissions

5.C Kittitas County Noxious Weed Control Board Interlocal Agreement

5.D Bid Award – Bid Call 2023-16 University Way Overlay Cle Elum Street to BNSF Overpass

5.E 2024 First Choice Health Appendix D Fee Schedule/Performance Guarantees

5.F Approve Voucher Listing for January 2, 2024

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Paul Haaland, KC Railroad Historical Association President, spoke regarding their appreciation for inclusion of the Historical Railroad Association in the Rotary Park Master Plan
- Jeff Whitman, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding removal of the bollards along Reed Park property and parking options for the American Legion
- Angie Lang, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding changes to Reed Park
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding Unity Park and restrooms

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Review of Council Assignments (Public Comment Opportunity)
Councilmembers reviewed current assignments and council consensus was to change assignments as discussed and revisit when a new councilmember is appointed.

12. Miscellaneous

12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
The City Manager reviewed the report and added that the Chamber will be holding a State of the Community event that the Mayor has been invited to speak at before the January 16, 2024 council meeting.

Council reviewed the proposed appointment process for Council position 3 and process for candidates. Council consensus was to distribute any correspondence received relating to candidates 24 hours before the meeting to all candidates and councilmembers. It was requested to set a special meeting for February 12, 2024. Councilmember Lillquist requested a questions on the application for community service experience.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to set a special meeting February 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm to interview council candidates for Council position 3 as discussed. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

A letter of commitment for a grant proposal concerning Kittitas County Health Network was distributed to council, which committed a councilmember to participate in monthly meetings.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the Mayor's signature on the letter of support for Kittitas County Health Network. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) an executive session was required and would last approximately ten minutes. No action would be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller commented regarding the Council's vote to decline remote public comment on non-agenda items.

Councilmember Miller moved that Council reconsider the portion of the Resolution for Council Rules and Procedures that deals with public comment on non-agenda items taken remotely. **Motion approved 6-0.**

- Councilmember Goodloe reported on the Kittitas County Council of Governments Resolution approved to support regional planning implementation
- Councilmember Lillquist commented on the councilmember selection process advertisement

13. Executive Session

13.A Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Council recessed to executive session at 8:03 pm and was anticipated to last approximately ten minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 8:12 pm.

14. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST: Beth Leader
City Clerk