

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

November 4, 2024

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 Lillquist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Finance Director Pascoe, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Community Development Director Carlson, Library Director Camarillo, Accountant II Lanphere, Assistant City Attorney Reiman, IT Director Goeben, Engineering Technician Cortese, Assistant Public Works Director Helgeson, Wastewater Treatment Facility employees and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Two members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Native American Heritage Month
Gerald Lewis, Tribal Council Chairman of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation read the proclamation. Other members of the Tribal Council spoke and presented a Yakama Nation flag to the City of Ellensburg.
- 2.B Veterans Day Proclamation
Mayor Elliott read the proclamation.

3. Awards and Recognitions

- 3.A 2023 Outstanding Treatment Plant Award by Coleman Miller
Ryan Lyyski introduced Coleman Miller with the Department of Ecology, who spoke about the award.
- 3.B Presentation of Empowering Teams Award to City of Ellensburg Wastewater Treatment Facility Crew by Brian Cortese.
Brian Cortese, PW Engineering Technician, shared information about the project work and presented the award to Wastewater Treatment Facility

employees present; James Luce, Michael Johnson, Chris Holmes, Brian Redlin, Ludwig Zavala, Dan Walker, and Ronnie Cunningham.

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of October 21, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards & Commissions
- 5.C Award Bid Call 2024-05 Electrical Utility On Call Construction Services to Riverline Power LLC
- 5.D Accept the Resignation of Janie Zencak from the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee effective December 1, 2024
- 5.E Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Authorization between the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and the City of Ellensburg to form a collaborative partnership for the Palouse to Cascades Reconnection Project and Bike Access Program
- 5.F Approve November 4, 2024 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding council response to Initiative 2117
- Joel Ihrke, spoke regarding Ellensburg Family Foundations
- Theresa Plue, County resident, spoke regarding ballot issues discussed by Council at its October 21, 2024 meeting

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) - 2025 Proposed Revenue Sources Including Property Tax Levy Ordinance 4947 (First Reading) (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

There were no comments from the public and no further questions from Council. Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct first reading of proposed Ordinance 4947 establishing the Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for 2025. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

8.B Public Hearing for Preliminary 2025/2026 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information regarding the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget. Council asked questions of staff.

Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding proposed tennis courts

With no additional comments from the public and no further questions from Council, Mayor Elliott closed the Public Hearing. No action was required.

8.C Public Hearing (Legislative) to Consider Adoption of Resolution 2024-29, declaring the Ellensburg Airport Incubator Building Surplus to the City's Needs (Public Comment Opportunity)

Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Pat Kelleher, County Resident, spoke regarding transfer of the asset to the County

Councilmember Lillquist moved to adopt Resolution 2024-29, declaring as surplus to the City's needs the Ellensburg Airport Incubator Building, amending the Resolution by deleting Section 4. **Motion Approved 6-0 (Palmer abstained).**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A Third Quarter 2024 Financial Status and Investment Reports (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, reviewed the reports with Council.

Councilmember Miller moved to accept the Third Quarter 2024 Financial Status and Investment Reports as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

11.B Council Funded Grant Program – 2025 Grant Awards (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. There was additional information for the Council funded grants included on the dais.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to award recommendations and authorize the 2025 grant funding awards in the amount of \$18,523.54 for the Community Grants, Parks Partnership, Historic Preservation Grants and \$10,000 for Water Quality Grants. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

11.C 2024-2025 Cold Weather Shelter Facilities Contract (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

- Teresa Plue, County resident, spoke regarding the contract with Kittitas Valley Event Center
- William Coleman, Kittitas resident, spoke regarding at what facility the shelter is being held
- Pat Kelleher, County resident, spoke regarding the contract with Kittitas Valley Event Center
- Teresa Plue continued her comments regarding the proposed contract with Kittitas Valley Event Center

Councilmember Lillquist moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Kittitas Valley Event Center leasing space for the 2024-25 Cold Weather Shelter.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to amend the motion to delete section 1F.1 in its entirety from the agreement. **Motion Approved 6-1 (Elliott voted no).**

Vote on the main motion as amended. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

12. Miscellaneous

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

An Executive Session was needed per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and was expected to last five minutes. No action would be taken.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the Impactful Women lecture at the Kittitas County Museum
- Councilmember Goodloe spoke regarding candidate signage
- Councilmember Lillquist spoke regarding the election
- Councilmember Miller attended the Finance Committee and Ellensburg Academy
- Mayor Elliott attended a Developmental Disability meeting with employment agencies

13. Executive Session

- 13.A 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 to executive session at 9:42 pm, and was anticipated to last five minutes. No action would be taken.

Council reconvened at 9:47 pm

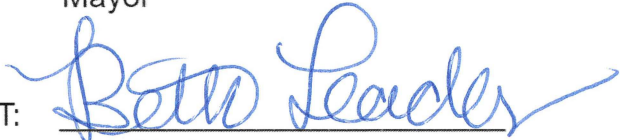
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk