



**CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting**

**Date of Meeting**

**November 18, 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 Palmer

**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, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, Engineering Manager Mayo, Finance Director Pascoe, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Accounting III/Budget Officer Lanphere, Assistant City Attorney Reiman and two members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Energy Resources Manager Stanavich and no members of the public

**2. Proclamations**

**3. Awards and Recognitions**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Thompson requested to remove item 5.E from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Thompson moved to approve the Agenda as amended by pulling item 5.E from the Consent Agenda and moving to item 11B. **Motion Approved 7-0**

**5. Consent Agenda**

- 5.A Approve Minutes of November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of November 4, 2024 Study Session
- 5.C Approve Minutes of June 13, 2024 Special Meeting With Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners
- 5.D Approve University Way Banner Request for Ellensburg Dance Ensemble - November 12-25, 2024

- 5.F Amendment 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Ellensburg and HopeSource to administer the State Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)
- 5.G Approval of Palouse to Cascades Trail Easement with Washington Department of Parks and Recreation
- 5.H Updated 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.I Authorization for City Manager to Sign Benefits Agreements for the 2025 Benefit Year
- 5.J Consultant Amendment No. 2 - Agreement for Professional Services for the Engineering and Design of the Anderson Road Sewer Extension Project
- 5.K Approve Voucher Listing for November 18, 2024

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 6-0 (Miller abstained)**

## **6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications**

## **7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues**

## **8. Business Requiring Public Hearings**

- 8.A Proposed Ordinance 4950 Adopting the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Mayor Elliott opened the public hearing. Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

With no comments from the public and no questions from Council, Mayor Elliott closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4950 adopting the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

## **9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions**

- 9.A Ordinance 4947 - 2025 Property Tax Levy - Second Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4947 establishing the Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for 2025.

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**Motion Approved 7-0.**

- 9.B Proposed Ordinance 4948 Traffic Code Revisions - First Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Derek Mayo, Engineering Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4948. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

- 9.C Proposed Ordinance 4949 - Complete Streets Code Update - First Reading (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Derek Mayo, Engineering Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4949. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

- 9.D Resolution 2024-31 to Approve Fiscal Year 2024 Bad Debt Write-Offs (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.  
Council asked questions of staff

Councilmember Goodloe moved to adopt Resolution 2024-31 writing off uncollectible delinquent accounts totaling \$71,106.17. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

**10. Unfinished Business**

**11. New Business**

- 11.A Arts Commission 2025 Project Grants and Spending Plan (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the 2025 grant funding awards in the amount of \$24,500 for the 2025 Ellensburg Arts Commission Project Grants and move to approve the 2025 Arts Commission Spending Plan as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

- 11.B Renewal of Kittitas County Corrections Center Interlocal Agreement  
Terry Weiner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Thompson moved to table further discussion concerning the contract until the December 2, 2024 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

**12. Miscellaneous**

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)  
The City Manager reviewed the report. She reminded Council the all-staff meeting would take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

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12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller attended Arts Commission and Planning Commission meetings
- Councilmember Lillquist worked with a Girl Scout troop on their civics badge and attended a flock camera presentation
- Councilmember Palmer reported on the Affordable Housing Commission
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Homelessness and Affordable Housing committee, DEI commission and Cold Weather Action Team meetings
- Councilmember Thompson attended the Landmarks & Design Commission meeting
- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the Library, KITTCOM and attended the People with Puppets event sponsored by the Arts Commission
- Mayor Elliott attended the Economic Development group meeting, spoke about the rewrite of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and attended the County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee meeting

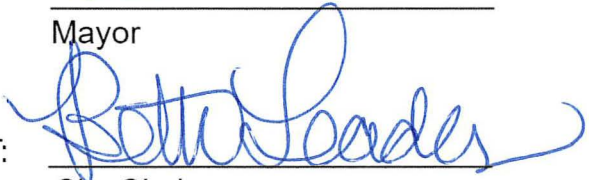
**13. Executive Session**

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk