



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Utility Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

February 20, 2025

3:30 PM

Council Chambers

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Chair Bousson called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Members present: Nancy Lillquist, City Council; Delano Palmer, City Council; Jeff Bousson, CWU; Audrey Huerta, Utility Customer; Grant Craig, Utility Customer (Zoom); Bryan Clark, KITTCOM (Zoom).

Also present: Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer (Zoom); Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Buddy Stanavich, Energy Resource Manager; Nicole Baker, Sustainability & Energy Coordinator (Zoom); John Mooers, Rate Analyst (Zoom); Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director; Heidi Behrends- Cerniwey, City Manager; Derek Mayo, Engineering Services Manager; Ben Fabion, Telecom; Jim Goeben, IT Director; Brian Cortese, Engineering Tech; Terry Weiner, City Attorney.

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee member Lillquist moved to discuss item 7.A after 8.B. **Agenda approved as amended 6-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Jan 16 UAC regular meeting minutes

Committee member Palmer moved to approve the regular meeting minutes. **Motion approved. 6-0**

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

No consent items.

5. Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

5.A Meghan Anderson - Public Comment

Chair Bousson acknowledged the public comment letter received.

6. Telecommunications Utility Discussion Items

Ben Fabion gave telecom project updates.

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

8. Staff Informational Items

8.A Future Committee Role Discussion and Reorganization

The City Manager shared the re-organization of departments and what the future of the Utility Advisory could look like.

8.B City of Ellensburg Decarbonization Planning Grant

Buddy Stanavich presented options to utilize grant funds by June 30, 2025.

7.A Update of Public Works Permitting Fees in the Public Works Development Standards

Committee member Palmer moved to forward a favorable recommendation Council and Staff to proceed with an Administrative Hearing to update the Permitting Chapter of the Public Works Development Standards and to update Ellensburg City Code Section 9.92.300 and 9.92.400. **Motion Approved 5-0**

8.C Public Works and Utilities Updates

Staff shared Public Works updates.

9. Commission Representative Update

Chair Bousson would like to discuss, at the next meeting (or subsequent meeting when more information is available), BPA cuts and how it will impact our community.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm