



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Utility Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

May 15, 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. Not present: Bryan Clark, KITTCOM (Absent/no telecom items)

Also present: Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director; Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Nicole Baker, Sustainability & Energy Coordinator (Zoom); Heidi Behrends-Cerniwey, City Manager; Ryan Lyyski, Public Works Director; Mike Helgeson, Assistant Public Works Director.

One member of the public via Zoom.

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee member Palmer moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion approved.**

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3. Approval of Minutes

3.A April 17 UAC regular meeting minutes

Committee member Huerta moved to approve the regular meeting minutes. **Motion approved. 4-0**

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

4.A 2024-2025 Annual Stormwater Management Plan Update

4.B Award Bid Call 2025-06 Middle Reach Reecer Creek Flood Hazard Reduction and Floodplain Restoration Project - Phase II

Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the consent agenda. **Motion approved. 4-0**

5. Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

6. Telecommunications Utility Discussion Items

No telecommunication items.

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

7.A Reschedule June 19th UAC meeting

Committee member Lillquist moved to reschedule the June 19th UAC meeting to June 18th.

Motion approved. 4-0

7.B Board and Commission Changes

Committee member Huerta moved to publish the draft ordinance with next month's agenda to give the Committee more time to review. **Motion approved. 4-0**

7.C Community Solar Expansion Program

Committee member Palmer moved to open item 7.C to public comment. **Motion approved. 4-0.** Brandon O'Rourke spoke in favor of community solar.

Committee member Palmer moved to recommend City Council authorize participation in the community solar expansion program and approve \$250,000 annually in signing authority for incentive programs. **Motion approved. 4-0**

7.D Expansion of Low-Income Utility Discount Program to include 40% AMI

Committee member Lillquist moved to recommend City Council adopt an ordinance extending the low-income discount program eligibility threshold to those at or below 40% AMI. **Motion approved. 4-0**

8. Staff Informational Items

8.A 2025 Aquifer Level Presentation
Mike Helgeson presented 2025 static well levels.

8.B BPA - Provider of Choice Contract
Buddy Stanavich explained the upcoming BPA contract.

8.C Public Works and Utilities Updates
Staff shared Public Works updates.

9. Commission Representative Update

Delano Palmer said Central is going to continue looking for opportunities for federal grant funding.

Jeff Bousson spoke about Central's solar and decarbonization plan and offered to do a presentation at a later date.

Nancy Lillquist informed the Committee that the subcommittee interviewed Fred Springsteen and will forward a favorable recommendation to Council.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm