



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

March 7, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers 501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And virtually via Zoom

Pledge of Allegiance

Girl Scout Troop 2206 was present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Monica Miller, Adam Winn

Absent: Bruce Tabb

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Library Director Camarillo, Senior Electrical Engineer Meyer, Police Chief Wade, Police Captain Weed, KVFR Chief Sinclair and approximately ten members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Approximately twelve members of the public

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve an excused absence for Councilmember Tabb.

Motion Approved 6-0.

2. Proclamations

2.A. National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Devin Beach was present remotely to read the proclamation.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Authorize the Mayor's signature on the proclamation.

Motion Approved 6-0.

2.B. Irish American Heritage Month 2022

Geraldine O'Mahoney was present to read the proclamation.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Mayor's signature on the proclamation.

Motion Approved 6-0.

2.C. National Women's History Month

Michele Cawley was present remotely to read the proclamation.

Councilmember Monica Miller moved to Approve the proclamation for National Women's History Month. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A. Approve Minutes of February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

5.B. Approve Minutes of February 22, 2022 Joint Study Session with Council and the Utility Advisory Committee

5.C. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.D. Grant agreement with the Washington State Dept. of Ecology (DOE) and an Agreement for Professional Services with Coho Water Resources, LLC for the "Ellensburg Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Feasibility Study."

5.E. Approve quote from Anixter Inc. for 15kV Medium Voltage Underground Distribution Cable

5.F. 2022 First Choice Health Updated Documents

5.G. Approve March 7, 2022 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A. Bookworms to Earthworms Seed Share Library
Sasha Geise, Public Library Circulation Assistant, was present to review the new program offered at the library. Brochures about the program were distributed to Council. No action was required and was for information only.

6.B. Kittitas Valley Fire & Rescue (KVFR) Update by Chief Sinclair
John Sinclair, KVFR Chief, was present to give a District update and review department statistics. Mayor Lillquist asked questions of Chief Sinclair and requested an annual report to Council.

6.C. CenterFuse Semi-Annual Report

Margaret Reich, EBDA/CenterFuse Executive Director, presented a semi-annual report. Board members, Garrett Poshusta, Del Bankston and Andreas Bohman were also present. Council asked questions for clarification. No action was required and was for information only.

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Pat Kelleher, 6530 Wilson Creek Road, spoke regarding Cora Street issues and Helena Avenue improvements.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A. Resolution to Reject All Bids for Bid Call No. 2022-03 Distribution Transformers
Paul Meyer, Senior Electrical Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve adoption of Resolution 2022-09 rejecting bids for distribution transformers. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. Ellensburg Animal Shelter & Control Services Future Outlook
James Weed, Ellensburg Police Department Captain, presented information in the staff report and reviewed a presentation that included options available for future animal shelter services. Council asked questions of staff.

Paula Hake, 207 E 17th Ave, spoke against hiring a private organization to run Ellensburg animal shelter services
Andrea Wing, 2700 N Susie Court, read a letter written by the Kittitas County Friends of Animals Board
Delores Gonzales, 407 S Sprague St, spoke regarding the continued need for shelter services in Ellensburg
Milt Johnston, 1211 Vuecrest, spoke regarding the increased need for animal shelter services
Dr. Erin Zamzow, 1051 McCullough Rd, attending remotely, spoke regarding her experiences in Ellensburg as a veterinarian and encouraged increased support for shelter services

Council discussed items including forming an advisory board, issues relating to privatization and grant funding opportunities available to non-profit entities.

Andrea Wing commented regarding the ability of non-profits to obtain grants.

Milt Johnston commented regarding the ability of KCFOA to fundraise and provide services and future monetary support by Kittitas County;
Jill Scheffer, 414 S Willow St., spoke regarding commitment of public funds to non-profits and ability to obtain grant funding;
Dr. Erin Zamzow commented regarding a non-profit's business model and ability to provide services

Council consensus was to direct staff to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) document.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve directing staff to formulate an RFP to solicit proposals to initiate shelter care services for the City of Ellensburg and the Ellensburg Police Department involve community partners and animal welfare advocates in the formulation of the RFP. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Monica Miller asked that it be specified that the KCFOA be the community partner that participates in the RFP development.

11.B. Summer Experiences & Enrichment for Kids Fund (SEEK Fund) Grant Acceptance and Subcontractor Agreement
Brad Case, Parks & Rec Director, presented information in the staff report.

Jill Scheffer, present remotely, spoke about the programs in partnership with Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) with grants through the Association of Washington Cities.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Authorize accepting the grant and approve the Mayor/Manager to sign the grant contract agreement and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

11. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

The City Manager reviewed the report. Council consensus was to follow the Governor's order on mask mandates for City facilities.

The City Manager read a statement from Parks & Recreation Director Case recognizing the professionalism of Ellensburg Police Department officers Ingraham and Anderson.

A 2021 Year in Review Report was distributed to Council.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Elliott will be absent March 21, 2022 meeting and he spoke about a draft proposal submitted to police, mental health and public transit concerning cabulance services

- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Homelessness & Affordable Housing committee meeting
- Councilmember D. Miller attended a KCCOG meeting
- Councilmember M. Miller stated the Adult Activity Center will host an open house on April 12, 2022 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. She toured the Public Library, and spoke about a Be Heard Eburg survey
- Councilmember Winn attended the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting and requested the Pearl Street Promenade discussion be placed on the March 21, 2022 Agenda
- Mayor Lillquist requested an excused absence for the March 21, 2022 meeting.

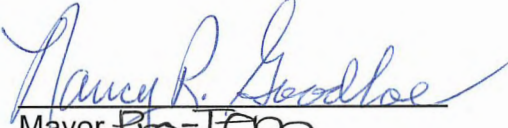
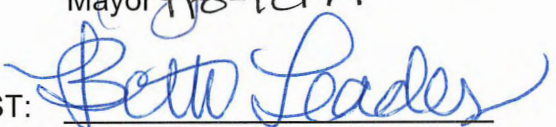
Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve an excused absence for Mayor Lillquist at the March 21, 2022 meeting. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

She congratulated the Ellensburg High School women's basketball team on their state championship and the CWU women's basketball team on their GNAC championship. She attended meetings with Ellensburg School District regarding Cora Street traffic and Central Washington Disability Resources concerning accessibility issues. She participated in an interview with 88.1 the 'Burg and the Point in Time (PIT) count. She also attended a Mayor's meeting held by Representative Schrier.

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 pm


Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: City Clerk