



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

April 4, 2022

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 Elliott

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Executive Assistant Gigstead, Community Development Director Sackett, Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski, City Engineering Manager Mayo, Communications Officer Klauss, Library Director Camarillo, Assistant City Attorney Reiman and approximately four members of the public

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

2. Proclamations

2.A. Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.

Kittitas County Commissioner, Brett Wachsmith, read the proclamation.

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

Motion Approved 7-0.

2.B. National Safe Digging Month Proclamation

Public Works & Utilities Director, Ryan Lyyski, read the proclamation.

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

Motion Approved 7-0.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Winn moved to Amend the Agenda by adding an Executive Session as Item 13.A. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Agenda as amended. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A. Approve Minutes of March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 5.B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C. Approve University Way Banner Request for Ellensburg Rodeo Parade - August 29 - September 5, 2022
- 5.D. Authorization to Purchase Aerator for the Park Maintenance Division
- 5.E. Bid Call 2022-01 - Alder St – University Way to Dean Nicholson Boulevard and 14th Ave Trail and Signalization Project
- 5.F. Bid Award – Bid Call No. 2022-06, 2022 City Property Groundskeeping
- 5.G. Bid Award Bid Call No. 2022-05 Cured-In-Place Sewer Line Rehabilitation
- 5.H. Resolution 2022-10 approving Gough & Glahn Street Tree Removal Request at 309 W 5th Avenue
- 5.I. Bid Call 2021-18 Dolarway 15kV Circuit Breaker
- 5.J. Bid Call 2021-17 Dolarway 115kV Circuit Switcher
- 5.K. 2022 Distribution Transformers Purchase
- 5.L. Resolution 2022-11 Approving Kittitas Valley Healthcare (KVH) Street Tree Removal Request at 603 S Chestnut Street
- 5.M. Reecer Creek Floodplain Mapping and Levee Certification Support Services Agreement with Aspect Consulting
- 5.N. Approve April 4, 2022 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Delores Gonzales, 407 S. Sprague St., speaking for herself, spoke regarding a panel to oversee the ongoing operations of the animal shelter by the vendor to be selected.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A. Resolution Reaffirming City Owned Property Surplus to City Needs
The Mayor opened the public hearing. Brad Case, Parks & Recreation Director, presented information in the staff report.

James Carmody, 230 S 2nd St., Yakima WA, speaking as attorney on behalf of residents Meyer, Faltus and Roberts and secondarily for the other 24 neighbors, spoke against surplus of the park.

William Meyer, 1010 E Craig Ave, commented and requested Council delay the decision to surplus the property.

James Carmody continued his comments and responded to comments and information provided by Mr. Meyer.

Councilmember Tabb asked a question of Mr. Carmody.

With no other questions or comments, the Mayor closed the public testimony.

Councilmember Monica Miller had a question of staff, so the Mayor reopened public testimony portion of the hearing.

Community Development Director Sackett answered the question asked by Councilmember Monica Miller. Council asked additional questions of staff.

The Mayor closed the public hearing and opened to Council for discussion.

Council discussed the proposed resolution and directed staff to explore public/private partnerships, options for an LID and options for surplus with height considerations.

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. Ellensburg Poet Laureate 2022-2025

Josephine Camarillo, Library Director, presented information in the staff report. Marie Marchand was present and introduced herself and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Monica Miller moved to Approve the Arts Commission poet laureate for 2022-2025 and contract as presented and recommended by the Arts Commission.

Motion Approved 7-0.

11.B. Communications Update

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager gave a brief update and Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer reviewed information on the tools used by the City to inform citizens. Council asked questions of staff. This item was for information only and no action was required.

12. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

City Manager, Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, reviewed the report. Representatives Ybarra and Dent and Senator Warnick were asked by the City to include funding in the State budget for the Helena Avenue and Cora Street project and it was approved.

It was requested to designate a councilmember to the Unity Park Master Plan Stakeholder Committee and consensus was to appoint Councilmember Monica Miller.

An Executive Session was required pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss current litigation and was expected to take five minutes. Action was anticipated.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Elliott spoke regarding the Animal Shelter Request for Proposals
- Councilmember Goodloe participated in the cultural arts visioning session
- Councilmember Monica Miller participated in a Landmarks & Design Commission applicant interview, the cultural arts visioning session, and a TIP strategy meeting
- Councilmember Tabb attended a streateries meeting, cultural arts visioning session, and Chamber Government Relations meeting. He recognized the City Manager and Derek Mayo regarding their work with the Helena Avenue/Cora Street grant and inquired about doing an employee appreciation breakfast
- Councilmember Winn attended a Lodging Tax class with Association of Washington Cities, a community visioning session and gave an update on the bowling alley
- Mayor Lillquist requested Council authorization to sign three letters of support for CWU, CenterFuse and KEEN for project funding and were distributed to Council. She attended an AWC webinar on clean building standards and the Yakima Basin Fish and Wildlife Recovery Board meeting. She spoke about a letter to the editor concerning the airport and leaded fuel.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the Mayor's signature on the three letters of support. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

13. Executive Session

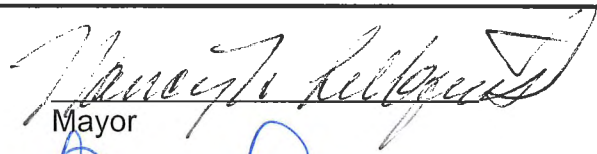
Council recessed and began Executive Session at 8:59 pm for the purpose of discussing with legal counsel pending litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). It was anticipated to last five minutes. Council reconvened at 9:05 pm.

The Mayor stated the litigation pertained to a lawsuit filed against the City by Maxine and Phyllis Shaw concerning right-of-way on Capitol Ave and Willow Street.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve allowing the City Attorney to sign the judgment and decree quieting title to the plaintiffs in the matter and execute any other documents necessary to close the litigation on behalf of the City. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

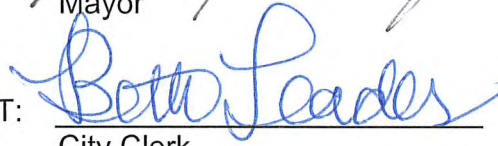
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk