

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

August 18, 2025

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 Goodloe.

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 Horner, City Clerk Leader, Public Works Director Lyyski, City Engineer Mayo, Transit Manager Dunbar, Finance Director Pascoe, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, HR Director Young, IT Director Goeben and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Five members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A International Overdose Awareness Day 2025

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of August 4, 2025 Regular Meeting

5.B Approve Minutes of August 4, 2025 Study Session

5.C Maple Street Emergency Water Main Repair

5.D Resolution 2025-22 Approving Foster Subdivision Phase 1A - P25-071

5.E Community Thanksgiving Interagency Agreement Between CWU and the City

5.F City of Ellensburg 2025-2027 Biennium Consolidated Grant Agreement

- 5.G Interlocal Agreement between City of Ellensburg and the State of Washington Central Washington University.
- 5.H Planning Commission Resignation - Sigrid Davison
- 5.I Environmental Commission Resignation - Jess Black
- 5.J Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission Resignation - Teresa Divine
- 5.K Approve August 18, 2025 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Resolution 2025-23 to Provide Enforcement of the Ellensburg Rodeo's Double Cross (XX) Ordinance (Public Comment Opportunity)
Diana Tasker, Rotary Cowboys representative, presented information regarding the Double Cross Ordinance

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2025-23 to provide Enforcement of the Double Cross Ordinance. **Motion Approved 7-0**

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

- Howard Jones, Ellensburg resident, spoke regarding seeking approval

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative) to adopt the 2025-2030 Transit Development Plan and accept the 2024 Annual Report (Public Comment Opportunity)
The Mayor opened the public hearing. Betsy Dunbar, Transit Manager, presented the information in the Plan.

- Jennifer Patteson, County resident, spoke regarding artwork on transit shelters
- Juliann Cleman, County resident, speaking for herself, spoke in favor of the transit system

With no further comments from the public and a question from Council, Mayor Elliott closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt the 2025-2030 Transit Development Plan and Accept the 2024 Annual Report as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4967 (2nd Reading) - Updating Utility Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, and Public Transit Advisory Committee Membership and Roles (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4967, approving changes to roles and memberships of the Utility Advisory Committee, Environmental Commission, and Public Transit Advisory Committee (now Transportation Advisory Committee). **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4968 (2nd Reading) Traffic Code Revisions (Public Comment Opportunity)

Derek Mayo, City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Traffic Code Ordinance 4968. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.C Ordinance 4969 (1st reading) - Utility Billing Disconnect Notices (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4969 Amending Utility Billing Disconnect Notices. **Motion Approved 6-1 (Lillquist voted no)**

- 9.D Ordinance 4970 (1st Reading) - Amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)

Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report. Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented additional information in the report. Council asked questions of staff.

Candice Comfort, County resident, spoke regarding a 2018 report concerning the Memorial Pool roof.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4970, amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.E Resolution 2025-21 for 2025 Kittitas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Ellensburg Annex (Public Comment Opportunity)

Arden Thomas, Kittitas County Water Resource Program Manager, presented a report to Council.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve Resolution 2025-21 adopting the Kittitas County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Ellensburg Annex. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.F Resolution 2025-17 Establishing Temporary Staff Resources for ERP Implementation (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lisa Young, HR Director and Jim Goeben, IT Director, presented information in

the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve Resolution 2025-17 as presented and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous

12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented the report.

Councilmembers Goodloe, Miller and Beachamp will serve on the grant subcommittee with Mayor Elliott as a backup.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Lillquist reported on Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board, attended Coffee with Council, meeting with Department of Commerce, and the Checkerboard Partnership meeting
- Councilmember Palmer attended the County LTAC meeting, and the Yakima Basin Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting
- Councilmember Goodloe reported on DEI Commission, attended Coffee with Council, and announced there are two openings on the DEI Commission
- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the KITTCOM Board, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission and attended Shakespear in the Park. She requested an excused absence for the September 2, 2025 meeting.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Beauchamp at the September 2, 2025 regular meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- Mayor Elliott spoke regarding wildfire policy, FEMA and mitigation and recovery funding; reported on the EMS Trauma Council, KITTCOM and the County Lodging Tax process for capital projects will be under review

13. Executive Session

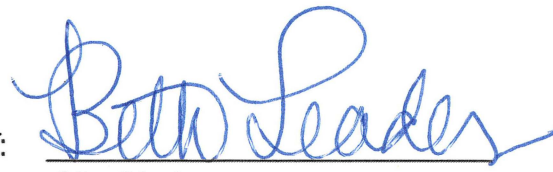
14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Beth Leades", is written over a horizontal line.

City Clerk