



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

March 6, 2023

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 Beauchamp

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Public Works and Utilities Director Lyyski, City Engineering Manager Mayo, Aquatics & Recreation Supervisor Hctor, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Finance Director Pascoe and approximately 45 members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: one member of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A. Irish American Heritage Month 2023 Proclamation

The Mayor read the Proclamation for Irish American Heritage Month.

Michael Barrow, 1001 S. Chestnut St. #127, commented regarding the item.

2.B. Natural Gas Utility Workers Day 2023 Proclamation

Councilmember Winn read the Proclamation for Natural Gas Utility Worker Day.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Elliott moved to amend the Agenda by switching items 11.A Preliminary 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Status and Investment Reports and 11.B Reed Park Master Plan Adoption. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

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

5. Consent Agenda

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- 5.A. Approve Minutes of February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - 5.B. Approve Minutes of February 24, 2023 Special Meeting
 - 5.C. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
 - 5.D. Approve University Way Banner Request from Court Advocates for Children - April 3 - 30, 2023
 - 5.E. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission 2023 Spending Plan
 - 5.F. First Contract Amendment – Bid Call No. 2022-06 - 2022 City Property Groundskeeping
 - 5.G. Contract Amendment No. 3 - Professional Services Agreement Water System Plan and Illinois Well Outfitting Design
 - 5.H. Approve March 6, 2023 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A. Board and Commission Appointments - PTAC
The City Manager introduced the item and Councilmember David Miller commented.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve appointment of Amy Spitznas to the Public Transit Advisory Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Jessica Schad, 1055 Thrushwood Drive, Utah, spoke regarding the Wellbeing Project in collaboration with Washington State University

Steve Verhey, 1801 N B Street, commented regarding downtown flags put up by the Boy Scouts and placement for the Juneteenth holiday

Michael Barrow, 1001 S Chestnut #127, commented regarding a community garden and community orchard for the Briarwood living facility.

Marsha Rorty-Greenfield, 6 Viewpoint Rd, commented regarding the affordable housing project planned for Catherine Park property

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A. Ordinance 4911- Second Reading for Amendments to Ellensburg City Code
Section 9.92 (Utility Fee and Credit Schedules)

Derek Mayo, City Engineering Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4911. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9.B. Ordinance 4912 (First reading) Adopting New Chapter 4.14A Streateries, Parklets,
and Sidewalk Cafes

Terry Weiner, City Attorney, explained his research regarding a conflict of interest for Councilmember Beauchamp and with confirmation from MRSC, it was determined there would not be a conflict of interest. He then explained the changes to the proposed ordinance and the additional changes since publication of the agenda.

Russell Colmore, 105 Benton St, Kittitas, commented regarding City assistance with eateries

Blake Collins 106 W 11th, commented regarding steps for existing streateries

Pat Kelleher, 6530 Wilson Creek Rd, commented regarding parklets, use of existing streateries and downtown parking

Written public comments were received concerning the issue by Tami Bugni, business owner and Brenda DeVore, EDA Director

There was discussion regarding the timing of the slurry work planned for downtown mid-2023.

There was discussion regarding the proposed fee changes and potential for additional future parking.

Blake Collins commented regarding the potential for slurry work in another area in town.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve first reading of Ordinance 4912.

Councilmember Beauchamp moved to Approve an amendment to the Ordinance in Section 4.14A.050(D) to modify the fee schedule to .80/sq ft for the structure per month, \$25 per month per parking stall, including the leasehold excise tax fees, and a \$150 annual fee. **Motion Approved 5-2 (Winn and Monica Miller voted no).**

Vote on the Main Motion as amended. **Motion Approved 6-1 (Winn voted no).**

9.C. Resolution 2023-07 Kittitas County Economic Development Strategic Plan

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

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve adoption of Resolution 2023-07. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. Reed Park Master Plan Adoption

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

- Jeff Whitman, 2104 N Parklane Ave, commented regarding the recommended plan and the need for parking for the American Legion.
- Patrick Devney, 1001 S Chestnut #626, commented regarding the number of parking spaces and leaving the park as is
- Bob Kibler, 708 E 6th Ave., commented regarding the best views from the parking area
- Marilyn Rost, 303 S Anderson, commented on events held at the American Legion
- Joe Hill 711 E 7th Ave, commented regarding the need of parking for functions at the American Legion
- Sarah Gann 607 N Sprague St., spoke in favor of leaving the park as it is
- Albert McRae, 805 S Whitman St, spoke regarding scenarios for the park and the American Legion
- Louise Demetrescu, 1101 E Umptanum Rd, spoke against Option D of the plan
- Keith Wilant 3230 N. Reecer Creek Rd, spoke regarding the American Legion
- David Beach, 600 S Pearl St, spoke about an event at the Legion and parking availability
- Tim Paxton, 206 E Idaho St, provided pictures of parking at an event at the American Legion
- Darryl Sawyer, commented on the Legion, parking and existing issues that should be
- Pat Kelleher, 6530 Wilson Creek Rd, spoke regarding approval of the Reed Park Master Plan
- Tyrell Nielsen, 1200 E Craig Ave, spoke in support of proposed Option D in the Plan
- Jeff Demetrescu, 1101 E Umptanum, spoke in favor of leaving the park as is or favored Option A

Council asked questions of staff.

- Albert McRae, spoke regarding RV parking during Rodeo and Option A in the plan
- Patrick Devney, 1001 S Chestnut #626, commented regarding the City parking shortage
- Virginia Ronne, 1101 Ranch House Ln, spoke regarding parking for older and disabled members going to the American Legion

There was discussion regarding the option offered by Mr. Kelleher. Councilmember Goodloe requested viewing Option A again.

Councilmember Elliott recommended sending the study back to the Parks and Recreation Commission to reconsider options and parking at the American Legion.

Councilmember Winn moved to send the plan back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review. **Motion Died for Lack of Second.**

Councilmember Elliott moved to refer the Reed Park Master Plan back to the Parks & Recreation Commission to mitigate impacts to the American Legion. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Council recessed for a five-minute break at 9:41 pm and reconvened at 9:46 pm

11.B. Preliminary 2022 Fourth Quarter Financial Status and Investment Reports Council Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the two reports.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve accepting the 2022 4th Quarter Financial Reports as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

12. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

The City Manager reviewed the report. The 2022 Annual Report was included on the dais for Council review. A CETA audit invitation from the State Auditors was sent to Council.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

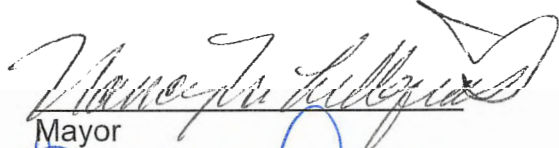
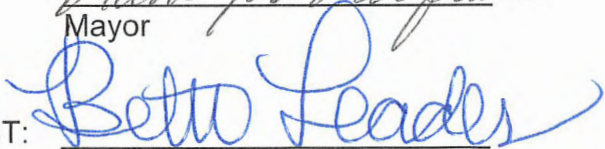
Councilmember Monica Miller requested an excused absence from the March 20, 2023 regular meeting.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve an excused absence for Councilmember Monica Miller for the March 20, 2023 meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 pm


Mayor

ATTEST: Betty Leades
City Clerk