



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

May 1, 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 Winn

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Absent: Monica Miller, who previously received an excused absence.

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Weiner, City Clerk Leader, Engineering Services Manager Mayo, Assistant Public Works Director Helgeson, Gas Engineer Yusi, Power & Gas Manager Stanavich, Planning Manager Johnston, Senior Planner Henderson, HR Director Young and approximately four members of the public

Others present remotely: Public Information Officer Klauss, Senior Planner Johnson and approximately seven members of the public

2. Proclamations

2.A. National Historic Preservation Month

Stacey Henderson, Senior Planner, commented regarding Historic Preservation Month.

2.B. National Day of Prayer

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 the April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting

5.B. Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.C. Award Bid Call 2023-03 Dolarway Substation Structural Steel to Callies Welding and Fabrication LLC

5.D. Naming of Wippel Park Gardens

5.E. Employment Agreement for Jim Goeben for Information Technology Director Position

5.F. Approve University Way Banner Request for National Day of Prayer - May 2-8, 2023

5.G. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Kittitas County Conservation District and the City of Ellensburg

5.H. Approve May 1, 2023 Voucher Listing

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

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A. Board and Commission Appointments - Landmarks and Design Commission
Gemma Fortier introduced herself as the newest member of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Jeff Watson introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving on the Landmarks & Design Commission.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve the recommendation of the Landmarks and Design Commission to appoint Jeff Watson and Cathy Poshusta. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Thomas Jones, 1907 W Peakview Drive, spoke regarding vehicles speeding in his neighborhood and along Dry Creek Rd.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A. Closed Record hearing (quasi-judicial) to Consider a Resolution to Approve Application for Preliminary Plat Approval (P22-126) submitted by William F Sparks and Sandra N Sparks, Owners-Sparks Plat

The Mayor opened the public hearing and asked Council the standard questions regarding appearance of fairness and conflict of interest. There were no appearance of fairness, ex parte contacts or conflicts of interest disclosed by the Mayor or the Councilmembers. Jeremy Johnston, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

There were no questions or comments from the public and Councilmembers asked questions of staff. The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve adoption of Resolution 2023-11. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A. Ordinance 4915 (Second Reading) - Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATV)
Mike Helgeson, Assistant Public Works Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4915. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

9.B. Ordinance 4916 (first reading) - Increasing Membership of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission
Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve conducting first reading of Ordinance 4916. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

11.A. Agreement for Professional Services for the Granite Asphalt Plant and System Loop Design, Specifications and Permitting
Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer, presented information in the staff report and reviewed additional information in a presentation. Council asked questions of staff.

Josh Evans, Plant Manager for Granite Construction, spoke regarding their plant operations and the plan for reducing their carbon emissions.

David Dunbar, 670 Skyview Dr., spoke against the City proceeding with serving Granite with natural gas.

Written comments were submitted before the meeting by Meghan Anderson, Sylvia Shriner and David Dunbar.

Councilmember Elliott moved to Approve authorizing the City Manager to execute the Professional Services agreement with Kimley-Horn in the amount of \$168,425.00. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

Councilmember Goodloe moved to Approve requesting staff discuss with Granite and the Department of Ecology about Granite becoming an Emission Intensive Trade Exposed Entity (EITE). **Motion Failed 3-3 (Winn, Elliott and Beauchamp voted no).**

Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve directing staff to work with Granite to address the system cost impacts associated with the proposal which would reduce impacts to other gas utility customers. **Motion Approved 6-0.**

12. Miscellaneous

12.A. Manager's Report

The City Manager reviewed the report. She announced that the Annual Report is printed and will be sent out to citizens. Derek Mayo, Engineering Services Manager, presented information concerning flooding throughout the City.

An executive session was needed per RCW 42.303140(4)(a) and was estimated to take ten minutes.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Beauchamp reported on the Sr. Citizen Advisory Committee
- Councilmember Elliott attended a KCCOG meeting and he requested Council have a conversation on a future agenda concerning KCCOG funding and autonomy and authority to represent each community individually through the RCW.
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the KCCOG, Utility Advisory Commission and Homelessness & Affordable Housing Committee meetings, the City Poem presentation; reported the DEI Commission is interviewing member applicants and the Human Library event was very successful
- Councilmember David Miller attended Public Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and the Arbor Day Ceremony
- Councilmember Winn attended Law & Justice Committee meeting and is filling sandbags at Wipple Park for the public
- Mayor Lillquist attended the Sustainability & Energy Steering Committee meeting, Arbor Day Ceremony and Human Library.

13. Executive Session

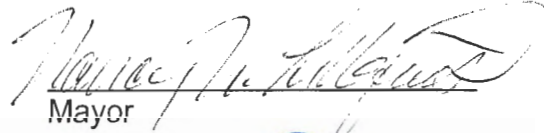
The Council recessed to executive session at 8:39 pm, which would take approximately ten minutes. No action would be taken.

Per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), To review collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement; or (b) that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Council reconvened at 8:47 pm.

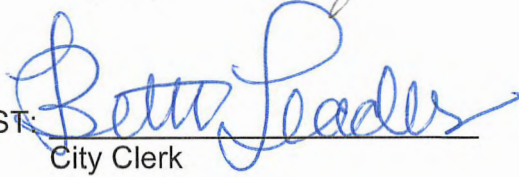
14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk