



## **CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Date of Meeting**

**Time of Meeting**

**Place of Meeting**

**Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting**

**September 2, 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 Lillquist

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Roll Call Present: Rich Elliott, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Excused Absence: Sarah Beauchamp

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, HR Director Young, Housing Program Manager Frey, Community Development Director Carlson, and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: seven members of the public

### **2. Proclamations**

### **3. Awards and Recognitions**

- 3.A Library Card Design Contest Winner  
Josephine Camarillo, Library Director, presented information concerning the contest and the winning design, by Megan Pickerel. Ms. Pickerel spoke about her background and the contest.
- 3.B Kittitas County Lodging Tax Small Grant Program  
Jessica Karraker, Kittitas County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee member, presented information and requested feedback from Council concerning a small capital grant funding process. Council asked questions of Ms. Karraker. County Commissioner Osiadiaz spoke regarding the commission process.

### **4. Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0**

### **5. Consent Agenda**

- 5.A Approve Minutes of August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

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- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
  - 5.C Shop & Warehouse Facility Backup Generator
  - 5.D Award Bid Call 2025-09 Tree Trimming Contract Utility Electrical Distribution System
  - 5.E Taxicab Service Rate Approval for Ellensburg Taxi Service and Rainier Taxi and Courier
  - 5.F Approve September 2, 2025 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 6-0**

## **6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications**

- 6.A Planning Commission Appointment - Skylar Bisom-Rapp  
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, introduced Skylar Bisom-Rapp, who spoke regarding his background.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve appointment of Skylar Bisom-Rapp to the Planning Commission. **Motion Approved 6-0**

## **7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues**

- Julieann Cleman, County resident, spoke regarding recording of City Council and board and commission meetings

## **8. Business Requiring Public Hearings**

## **9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions**

- 9.A Ordinance 4969 (2nd reading) - Utility Billing Disconnect Notices (Public Comment Opportunity)  
Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4969 Amending Utility Billing Disconnect Notices.

Councilmember Lillquist requested staff make actual contact with customers instead of leaving a voicemail message.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to amend the motion to require actual contact over the phone before disconnect. Motion to amend died due to lack of a second.

Vote on main motion. **Motion Approved 5-1 (Lillquist voted no)**

- 9.B Ordinance 4970 (2nd Reading) - Amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget (Public Comment Opportunity)

Keith Bassett, Assistant Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4970, amending the 2025/2026 Biennial Budget. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 9.C Ordinance 4971 (1st Reading) - Amending City Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Street Improvements, and Impact Fees (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4971 amending City Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), Street Improvements, and Impact Fees. **Motion Approved 6-0**

## 10. Unfinished Business

## 11. New Business

- 11.A Addison Place Affordable Housing Agreement with HopeSource (Public Comment Opportunity)

Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of Bill Hinkle (present remotely), representing HopeSource.

Councilmember Palmer moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the affordable housing agreement and attachments (as attached or in substantially similar form) with HopeSource and fund property acquisition. **Motion Approved 6-0**

- 11.B Public Facilities District (PFD) for Funding Recreational Facilities (Public Comment Opportunity)

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, reviewed information in a presentation.

Paul Kantwill, Upper Kittitas County Community Recreation Center Board Member, presented information and made a statement regarding the project.

Gary Berndt, (present remotely) Upper Kittitas County Community Recreation Center Board Member, also presented information and background about the Upper County Public Facilities District.

Council asked questions of Mr. Kantwill and Mr. Berndt.

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve continuation of partnership

discussions to explore development of a county-wide Public Facilities District to fund recreational facilities in Ellensburg and CleElum/Roslyn. **Motion Approved 6-0**

## 12. Miscellaneous

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

Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report. Ribbon cutting ceremonies will be scheduled for the Water Street overlay, County Courthouse transit stop and Reecer Creek levee project.

### 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Goodloe attended LEOFF 1 Disability Board, first Community Conversation, and Employee Appreciation lunch
- Councilmember Thompson spoke about his experience sitting in with KITTCOM dispatchers
- Councilmember Lillquist attended the LEOFF 1 Disability Board and Environmental Commission meeting. She questioned potential advertising on transit buses and requested the TAC to explore further
- Councilmember Palmer attended the Affordable Housing ADU presentation
- Councilmember Miller attended the Rodeo Parade and the Wall That Heals ceremony
- Mayor Elliott attended the Employee Appreciation lunch, Rodeo & Fair events, requested the City Manager's compensation be placed on a future Agenda, attended KCCOG and Kittitas County LTAC meetings, met with Regional Habitat for Humanity representatives, and spoke at the Overdose Awareness event.

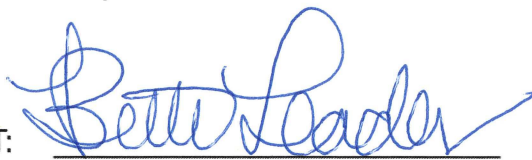
## 13. Executive Session

## 14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk