



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Utility Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting

February 17, 2022

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

Council Conference & remotely via Zoom

Nancy Goodloe, Chairperson, term expires May 31, 2024

Ed Barry, Vice Chairperson, term expires May 31, 2023

Nancy Lillquist, City Council, term expires May 31, 2022

Shane Scott, CWU, term expires May 31, 2025

Bryan Clark, KITTCOM, term expires May 31, 2023

Jim Goeben, Telecommunications Utility customer, term expires May 31, 2023

Nate Sitton, City Utility Customer, term expires May 31, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Goodloe called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Nancy Goodloe, Chair; Ed Barry, Vice Chair; Nancy Lillquist, City Council; Nate Sitton, City Utility Customer; Shane Scott, CWU; Jim Goeben, Telecom.

Also present: Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director; Darren Larsen, Assistant Utilities Director; Derek Mayo, Engineering Services Manager; Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer; Buddy Stanavich, Power & Gas Manager; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager; Paul Meyer, Electrical Engineer; Jon Morrow, Stormwater Manager; Ben Faubion, IT; Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer; 1 other attendee & approximately 4 virtual attendees.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. Approve minutes - January 20th, 2022 regular meeting minutes

Barry moved to approve the minutes. Sitton seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Consent items have been distributed to committee members in advance for study and will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a committee member or at the request of a member of the public with concurrence of a committee member.

4.A. Joint Utility Trench Agreements (JUT) with Consolidated and Charter for Gateway

Lillquist moved to approve the consent agenda. Barry seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Paula McMinn spoke via virtual appearance regarding an article from the Seattle Times about gas stoves.

Sylvia Shriner spoke via virtual appearance requesting the City offer rebates for carbon monoxide alarms.

Meghan Anderson spoke via virtual appearance regarding building decarbonization in Washington state.

Chair Goodloe introduced Shane Scott, the new UAC representative from Central Washington University.

6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.A. Telecommunications Issues and Updates

Ben Faubion informed the committee there will be a joint City Council & UAC study session scheduled for Feb 22, 2022 at 6 pm regarding NoaNet's broadband feasibility study.

7. ELECTRIC, NATURAL GAS, WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER UTILITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.A. Natural Gas Rebate Program Modifications

Nancy Lilliquist move the committee approve modifying the smart thermostat rebates to follow the Bonneville Power Administration program and approve an additional rebate for natural gas furnace filters. Barry seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

Staff will look into available carbon monoxide alarm rebates.

7.B. Consultant Agreement - General Sewer System Plan Update and the Aeration System Improvements Pre-Design

Nancy Lilliquist move the committee forward a favorable recommendation to City Council that authorizes the Mayor to sign the attached professional services agreement with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. to update to the General Sewer Plan and complete the Aeration System Improvements Pre-Design phase. Sitton seconded. All in favor; **motion approved.**

7.C. Grant Agreement with the Washington State Dept. of Ecology for the "Ellensburg Aquifer Storage and Recovery Feasibility Study".

Nancy Lilliquist move the committee forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to authorize staff and Mayor to execute the attached for the "Ellensburg Aquifer Storage and Recovery Feasibility Study" Agreement with the Department of Ecology (DOE) and

the Consultant Agreement with Coho Water Resources. Barry seconded. All in favor;
motion approved.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8.A. Department of Commerce - Energy Assistance Report

Buddy Stanavich shared a final bi-annual report has been submitted to The Department of Commerce in compliance with CETA on energy assistance the City provided.

8.B. Public Works & Utilities Issues and Updates

Staff gave updates for water, sewer, stormwater, gas & electric departments.

9. NEXT MEETING

9.A. March 17th, 2022 at 3:30 pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Kim Bowie
Recording Secretary
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