

CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

November 3, 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 Beauchamp

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Roll Call Present: Sarah Beauchamp, Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist and David Miller

Councilmembers absent (excused): Rich Elliott, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Councilmember Miller moved to approve an excused absence for Councilmember Thompson. **Motion Approved 4-0**

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Henderson, Associate Planner Rud, Housing Program Manager Frey, Arts & Economic Development Manager Vandenberg, HR Director Young, Gas Engineer Yusi, Finance Director Pascoe, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, Energy Services Director Stanavich and approximately fifteen members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Seven members of the public

2. Proclamations

Mayor Pro-Tem Lillquist acknowledged the proclamation.

2.A Native American Heritage Month

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 4-0**

5. Consent Agenda

5.A Approve Minutes of October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

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- 5.C Arts Commission Resignation - Marie Marchand
 - 5.D Banking Services Agreement Amendment with U.S. Bank National Association
 - 5.E Award Bid Call 2025-13 Dry Creek 24" Water System Valve Replacement Project #25-118
 - 5.F Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with IBEW Local 77
 - 5.G Approve November 3, 2025 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 4-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Natural Gas Public Awareness and Damage Prevention Program (No Public Comment)
Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer, presented information to Council regarding the gas utility's program. Council asked questions of staff.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Public Comment was heard from the following citizens:

- Dana Betz, Kittitas resident
- Pat Kelleher, Ellensburg resident

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public Hearing (Legislative)- Review of Ordinance 4975, 2025 Land Development Code Amendments (First Reading) (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Pro-Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing. Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Council asked questions of staff. With no further questions from Council and no comments from the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Lillquist closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 4975, amending Ellensburg City Code Title 15, Land Development Code, as found in Exhibit A. **Motion Approved 4-0**

- 8.B Public Hearing (Legislative) - 2026 Proposed Revenue Sources Including Property Tax Levy Ordinance 4974 (First Reading) (Public Comment Opportunity)
Mayor Pro-Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing. Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizens:
Pat Kelleher, Ellensburg resident
Dana Betz, Kittitas resident

Council asked questions of staff.

With no further questions from Council and no additional comments from the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Lillquist closed the public hearing.

Information was presented by Finance Director Pascoe concerning the 2026 property tax levy and collections.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve first reading of Ordinance 4974, establishing the Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for 2026. **Motion Approved 4-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

10. Unfinished Business

- 10.A Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Formation of the Kittitas County Economic Development Partnership (Public Comment Opportunity)

Kelle Vandenberg, Arts & Economic Development Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizen:

Pat Kelleher, Ellensburg resident

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Mayor's signature on behalf of the City of Ellensburg, the ILA to formalize the Kittitas County Economic Development Partnership between Kittitas County, the City of Roslyn, the City of Cle Elum, the township of South Cle Elum, the City of Kittitas, and to sign the MOU with the municipalities previously mentioned and the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, the Roslyn Downtown Association, the Cle Elum Downtown Association, and the Ellensburg Downtown Association. **Motion Approved 4-0**

11. New Business

- 11.A Consider 1st and Pine Revised Proposal (Public Comment Opportunity)

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

Skylar Bisom-Raap, partner of Manastash Architecture Planning & Development (MAPD), presented information to Council.

Uche Okazie (present remotely), HomeSight representative, presented information concerning the HomeSight program.

Council asked questions of MAPD representatives.

Public comment on the topic was heard from the following citizens:

William Coleman, Kittitas resident

Pat Kelleher, Ellensburg resident

Councilmember Goodloe moved to direct staff to prepare a revised affordable housing agreement for an amended proposal. **Motion Approved 4-0**

11.B Third Quarter 2025 Financial Status and Investment Reports (Public Comment Opportunity)

Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director, reviewed information in a presentation.

Councilmember Beauchamp moved to accept the Third Quarter 2025 Financial Status and Investment Reports as presented. **Motion Approved 4-0**

11.C BPA - Provider of Choice Contract (Public Comment Opportunity)

Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Provider of Choice contract with the Bonneville Power Administration. **Motion Approved 4-0**

12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager reviewed the report. A proposed statement concerning the federal shut-down was on the dais for consideration. Council consensus was to send out the statement on behalf of the entire Council.

An executive session was needed and was anticipated to last approximately ten minutes. No action would be taken

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Miller attended the Finance Committee, Ellensburg Transportation Advisory and Planning Commission meetings
- Councilmember Goodloe attended the Homelessness & Affordable Housing Commission meeting

13. Executive Session

13.A RCW 42.30.110 (1)(B) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

Council recessed to an executive session at 9:50 pm and was anticipated to last approximately ten minutes. No action would be taken.

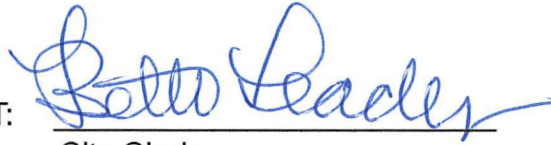
Council reconvened at 9:59 pm

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm



Mayor



ATTEST:

City Clerk