



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

January 5, 2026

Time of Meeting

7:00 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Chambers
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Elliott

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Water Resources Manager Springer, Public Works Director Lyyski, City Engineer Mayo, Assistant City Engineer Mattson, HR Director Young, Assistant Finance Director Bassett, and approximately six members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: One member of the public

1.A Oath of Office for Councilmembers Goodloe, Lillquist and Palmer
The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Goodloe, Lillquist and Palmer.

1.B Election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem
Mayor Elliott opened nominations for Mayor. Councilmember Miller nominated Rich Elliott for Mayor.

Ballots were distributed, and the Clerk read the returned ballots, voting unanimously for Rich Elliott.

Mayor Elliott opened nominations for Mayor Pro-Tempore. Councilmember Beauchamp nominated Nancy Lillquist for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Ballots were distributed, and the Clerk read the returned ballots, voting unanimously for Nancy Lillquist.

2. Proclamations

Mayor Elliott opened the discussion for the potential reading of proclamations. Councilmember Palmer's recommendation was to continue acknowledging and not reading. Councilmember Goodloe's recommendation was to read shorter versions of proclamations.

Mayor Elliott will consider those recommendations and will announce his decision at a future meeting.

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.C Acknowledge Reappointment of Mike Davis to LEOFF 1 Disability Board
- 5.D Consultant Agreement - Library and Hal Holmes HVAC Replacement Design
- 5.E Interlocal Agreement with Kittcom for Accounting Services
- 5.F Authorize the Public Works Director to sign the Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology.
- 5.G Amendment 2 to the 2023 Electrical System Plan Consultant Services Agreement
- 5.H Iron Horse Brewery Wastewater Discharge Agreement Amendment and Extension
- 5.I Authorize the City Manager to sign the Purchase Order for the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) Annual Liability Assessment
- 5.J Approve January 1, 2026 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

- 6.A Environmental Commission Confirmation (CWU) - Jordan Spradlin (Public Comment Opportunity)
Rebecca Springer, Water Resources Manager, introduced Jordan Spradlin, who spoke regarding her interest in serving on the Environmental Commission.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to confirm the CWU appointment of Jordan Spradlin to the Environmental Commission. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 6.B Council Boards & Committee Assignments (Public Comment Opportunity)
Council discussed and reassigned certain board and commission assignments.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Issues

Public comment was heard by the following citizen:
Pat Kelleher, Ellensburg resident

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

- 8.A Public hearing (legislative) to adopt a Resolution amending the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2026-2031; revising grant-funded projects (Public Comment Opportunity)
The Mayor opened the public hearing. Josh Mattson, Assistant City Engineer, presented information in the staff report.

With no comments from the public and one question from Council, Mayor Elliott closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Palmer moved to adopt Resolution 2026-01 amending the 2026-2031 Six-Year TIP and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute all necessary Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant paperwork associated with the 'Umptanum Rd & Anderson Rd Roundabout' project and the '2026 Canyon Road Overlay' project and approve the necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Ordinance 4979 Amending City Code to Codify the New Transit Sales and Use Tax, and Repealing the Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax (For Adoption in a Single Reading) (Public Comment Opportunity)
Chris Horner, City Attorney, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved pursuant to City Council Rule of Procedure 9.7, waive Council Rule 9.3(b), to allow final passage of an ordinance on the same day it is introduced in a single reading. **Motion Approved 7-0**

Councilmember Palmer move to conduct a single reading and adoption of Ordinance 4979. **Motion Approved 7-0**

- 9.B Resolution 2026-02-Authorization to Acquire Property (Public Comment Opportunity)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve Resolution 2026-02, Authorization to Acquire Real Property and approval of necessary budget adjustments. **Motion Approved 7-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

12. Miscellaneous

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

The City Manager presented information in the report and confirmed the Council board and commission assignments.

12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)


- Councilmember Goodloe reported on the County Homelessness & Affordable Housing Commission and KCCOG meetings
- Councilmember Lillquist attended Environmental Commission meeting
- Mayor Elliott spoke about the ordinance to be discussed at the January 20th study session with the DEI Commission and commented regarding KVFR staff changes
- Councilmember Palmer requested an excused absence for April 20 and August 17, 2026 regular meetings.

Councilmember Lillquist moved to approve excused absences for Councilmember Palmer for the April 20 and August 17, 2026 meetings. **Motion Approved 7-0**

13. Executive Session


14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk