



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Utility Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting

July 21, 2022

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

Council Chambers & remotely via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Nancy Goodloe, Chair; Nancy Lillquist, City Council; Nate Sitton, City Utility Customer (Zoom); Scott Carlson, CWU (Zoom); Jim Goeben, Telecom Customer (Zoom).

Committee member Lillquist moved to excuse Ed Barry. **Motion approved. 4-0**

Also present: Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utilities Director; Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer; Buddy Stanavich, Power & Gas Manager; Ben Faubion, IT; Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager; Julie Coppock, Rate Analyst; Michelle Dufault, Operations Analyst; Paul Meyer, Senior Electrical Engineer; Nicole Klauss, Public Information Officer; Keith Bassett, Senior Financial Analyst; Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director.

Others present remotely via Zoom.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. Approve minutes - June 16, 2022 regular meeting minutes

Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the minutes. **Motion approved. 4-0**

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. WWTF Roof and HVAC Replacement Project Acceptance

4.B. City Obligation for Kachess Dam Safety Modifications

Committee member Lillquist moved to approve the minutes. **Motion approved. 4-0**

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Time is set aside each meeting to allow citizens to address the Utility Advisory Committee on city utility issues that are not on the agenda. Please limit remarks to three minutes. The Committee will not take action when the issue is first raised, but may place the issue on a future agenda. Citizen comment on items on the agenda is also welcome. Please let the chair know you wish to speak and then wait to be recognized.

5.A. M. Anderson Letter

5.B. M. Ludlum Letter

Sylvia Shriner made a public comment.

6. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.A. Telecommunications Issues and Updates

Ben Faubion gave an update on telecommunications.

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

7.A. Water, Wastewater, Electric, & Natural Gas Rate Study

Sergey Tarasov from FCS Group presented the Water, Wastewater, Electric, & Natural Gas rate study.

Committee member Lillquist moved to forward a favorable recommendation to Council on the proposed rate increases and phase-in strategy. **Motion approved. 4-0**

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8.A. Public Works & Utilities Issues and Updates

9. NEXT MEETING

9.A. August 18, 2022 at 3:30 pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Kim Bowie
Recording Secretary
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