



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Utility Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

February 19, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Conference Room

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Chair Bousson called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Members present: Nancy Lillquist, City Council; Delano Palmer, City Council; Jeff Bousson, CWU; Fred Springsteen, Utility Customer.

Others present in person: Energy Services Director Stanavich, Energy Resources Manager Baker, Gas Engineer Yusi, Finance Officer Bair, Telecom Manager Hiede and approximately members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: members of the public

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee member Palmer moved to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion approved. 4-0**

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Utility Advisory Committee Meeting 10-16-2025 - Minutes

Committee member Palmer moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion Approved 4-0**

4. Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No consent items.

5. Electric, Natural Gas, and Telecommunications Discussion Items

5.A Low-Income Energy Efficiency Program

Nichole Baker presented the updated terms to the low income energy efficiency program contract. Extension expires on March 1. Scheduled to go to council March 2nd, consent agenda. Committee members Nancy Lillquist and Fred Springsteen requested a copy of the contract and the financial matrix for the committee to review. Nichole Baker discussed the performance of the program in 2025 and predictions of the upcoming year. Hope Source will follow up with a presentation on the program.

Committee member Nancy Lillquist is interested in understanding the state requirements for low-income programs.

6. Energy Services Updates

- 6.A Utility Advisory Committee Report – 2025 Year in Review
Council committee wants UAC to focus on opportunities for the upcoming year and recruitment of more members.
Committee member Jeff Bousson requested UAC to explore and analyze the impacts of a data center within the City of Ellensburg.
Discussion on how the committee can support council members in understanding the impact of large load customers. Discussed our exposure.
- 6.B Energy Services Updates
Committee member Jeff Bousson asked Director Buddy Stanavich if the city will be participating in CCA auctions. Director Buddy Stanavich stated we were successful in participating in the last APCR auction.
Introduction from new Telecom Business Manager, Kenny Heide.
Committee member Nancy Lillquist asked about the lineman hiring process. Director Buddy Stanavich stated there was an increase in applications for linemen since the union contract negotiation, higher negotiated wages and 4-10 schedule attracted more applicants.

7. Commission Representative Update

- 7.A Selection Committee
- 7.B Expiring Member Terms - Reapplication Process
Committee appointed a three-person committee for selection committee Buddy Stanavish, Jeff Bousson, and Delano Palmer. Nancy Lillquist as an alternate.
Motion approved. 4-0
Committee member Megan Bair will schedule an interview for the new applicant and a re-application interview for Fred Springsteen.

8. Adjournment

Committee member Darin Yusi announced the Gas utility is working on 6year system plan. This information and contract will be coming to March UAC meeting for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48pm