



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Utility Advisory Committee

Date of Meeting

May 18, 2023

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

Council Chambers and remotely via Zoom

Nancy Goodloe, Chairperson, term expires May 31, 2024

Nancy Lillquist, City Council, Vice Chairperson, term expires May 31, 2025

Scott Carlson, CWU, term expires May 31, 2025

Bryan Clark, KITTCOM, term expires May 31, 2023

Kittitas County, Telecommunications Utility customer, term expires May 31, 2023

VACANT, City Utility Customer, term expires May 31, 2023

Ed Barry, City Utility Customer, term expires May 31, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Goodloe called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Nancy Goodloe, Chair; Nancy Lillquist, City Council; Ed Barry, City Utility Customer; Bryan Clark, KITTCOM (Zoom)

Also present: Buddy Stanavich, Power & Gas Manager; Kim Bowie, Operations Analyst; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer (Zoom); Mike Helgeson, Assistant PW&U Director; Jon Morrow, Stormwater Manager; Michael Jenkins, Finance Officer; Ben Faubion, IT.

Three members of the public present remotely via Zoom.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.A. Approve minutes - April 20, 2023 regular meeting minutes

Committee member Barry moved to approve the regular meeting minutes. **Motion approved.**

4-0

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

No consent items.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Becky Pearson introduced herself to the Committee and expressed her interest in becoming a committee member.

7. TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.A. Telecommunications Verbal Update

Ben Faubion gave an update on the telecom utility.

Telecommunication members are allowed to vote on telecommunication items only per ECC 1.50.040

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

No items.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9.A. Sustainability & Energy Plan Project Update

The first Sustainability & Energy Plan steering committee was held April 27th. Going forward, staff will include meeting notes on UAC agendas as a way to keep the committee informed. The next Sustainability & Energy plan meeting will be on May 31st.

9.B. Natural Gas Safety Survey

Darin Yusi explained the natural gas survey will take place in-house this year to hopefully increase community input. The phone survey has been replaced with an online survey and prizes. The winners will be announced on 8/11.

9.C. City Gas Division is a recipient of the System Operational Achievement Recognition (SOAR) award

The City's Natural Gas Division has been recently selected as one of twenty-five (SOAR) recipients recognized in 2023 by the APGA. Out of approximately 750 APGA members, the City of Ellensburg Gas Division was selected for SOAR level Silver by its peers on the APGA Operations and Safety Committee.

9.D. Committee Member Updates

Committee member Goodloe thanked Ed Barry for his 24 years of service to the City. He has previously served on City council and was a founding member of the Utility Advisory Committee.

9.E. Public Works & Utilities Issues and Updates

Public Works & Utilities updates were shared.

10. NEXT MEETING

10.A. June 15th, 2023 at 3:30 pm

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Kim Bowie

Recording Secretary

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Approved: 6/16/23