



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

April 20, 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 Councilmember Thompson

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Absent: Rich Elliott and Delano Palmer (both excused)

Others present in person: Finance Director Pascoe (Acting City Manager), City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Associate Planner Pedersen, Energy Services Director Stanavich, Energy Resources Manager Baker and approximately three members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Two members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A National Safe Digging Month
Councilmember Miller read the proclamation.
- 2.B Bike Month
Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist read the proclamation

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Goodloe moved to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 5-0**

5. Consent Agenda

- 5.A Approve Minutes of April 6, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of April 6, 2026 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions

5.D Approve April 20, 2026 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 5-0**

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

6.A Planning Commission Appointment (Matt Stalder) & Reappointment (Ed Harrell) (Public Comment Opportunity)

Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented the recommended appointment of Matt Stalder and reappointment of Ed Harrell to the Planning Commission.

Matt Stalder spoke regarding his interest in serving on the commission.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve appointment of Matt Stalder and reappointment of Ed Harrell to the Planning Commission. **Motion Approved 5-0**

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Public Comment was heard from the following citizen:

- Pat Kelleher

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

8.A Closed Record Hearing for Rezone Application P26-002, Manufactured Home Park (MHP) to Residential Medium (R-M) Zoning, and First Reading of Ordinance #4986 (Limited Public Comment)

Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist opened the public hearing. Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist asked the standard questions regarding appearance of fairness and conflict of interest. There were no appearance of fairness, ex parte contacts or conflicts of interest disclosed by the Mayor Pro Tem or Councilmembers. Chace Pedersen, Associate Planner, presented information in the staff report.

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

Councilmember Miller moved to approve rezone application request P26-002 to rezone parcel #367933 to Residential Medium (R-M) and adopt the Hearing Examiner's Recommended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision, and to conduct first reading of Ordinance 4986. **Motion Approved 5-0**

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4983 Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 9.91.100 — Electric Utility Rate Schedules (Public Comment Opportunity)

Nichole Baker, Energy Resources Manager, presented information in the staff report.

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

- Pat Kelleher

Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Goodloe moved to Conduct Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 4983 — Amending Ellensburg City Code Chapter 9.91.100 — Electric Utility Rate Schedules **Motion Approved 4-1 (Beauchamp voted no)**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A Letter of Commitment, CWU Collaboration, Geothermal Resource Characterization & Confirmation (Public Comment Opportunity)
Buddy Stanavich, Energy Services Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve the Mayor to sign the Letter of Commitment for the Department of Energy Notice of Funding Opportunity, Central Washington Collaboration – Geothermal Resource Characterization & Confirmation, as attached, or in substantially similar form. **Motion Approved 5-0**

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
Jerica Pascoe, Finance Director and Acting City Manager, presented information in the report.

Staff requested Council set a study session for 6 pm on May 18th to review proposed water and wastewater rate increases.

Councilmember Miller moved to approve a study session for 6:00 pm on Monday, May 18, 2026. **Motion Approved 5-0**

- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)

- Councilmember Beauchamp attended the LEOFF Disability Board meeting, Arts Commission member interviews, FISH warehouse dedication ceremony and Poet Laureate event. She announced she was unable to continue as liaison on Library board and Councilmember Goodloe volunteered to serve as council liaison
- Councilmember Goodloe reported on AAEE Commission, and KCCOG Executive Director interviews taking place April 29th
- Councilmember Miller attended the LEOFF Disability Board meeting, Planning Commission member interviews, and FISH warehouse dedication ceremony

- Mayor Pro Tem Lillquist attended the Environmental Commission and Utility Advisory Commission meetings

An Executive Session was needed and was expected to last approximately ten minutes. No action would be taken.

13. Executive Session

13.A Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii), To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.(iii) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Council recessed to Executive Session at 7:58 pm and it was anticipated to last ten minutes. No action would be taken. Councilmember Miller announced at 8:08 pm that the Executive Session was being extended an additional five minutes.

Council reconvened at 8:13 pm.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm



Mayor

ATTEST: 

City Clerk