



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting

July 20, 2026

7:00 PM

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: Nancy Goodloe, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Delano Palmer, Joshua Thompson

Absent: Sarah Beauchamp (excused) and Rich Elliott

Councilmember Palmer moved to approve an excused absence for Mayor Elliott at the July 20, 2026 meeting. **Motion Approved 5-0**

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, City Attorney Horner, City Clerk Leader, Community Development Director Carlson, Planning Manager Henderson, Housing Program Manager Frey, Public Works Director Lyyski, Assistant City Engineer Mattson, Water/Storm Program Coordinator McGowan, Stormwater Manager Springer, HR Director Young and approximately five members of the public

Others present remotely via Zoom: Two members of the public

2. Proclamations

- 2.A Recognizing and Honoring the 80th Anniversary of KXLE-AM 1240
Councilmember Miller read the proclamation.

Public comment was heard on the topic by the following citizen:
Henry Johnston

3. Awards and Recognitions

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Consent Agenda

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

- 5.A Approve Minutes of July 6, 2026 Regular Meeting
- 5.B Approve Minutes of July 6, 2026 Study Session
- 5.C Acknowledge Minutes of Boards and Commissions
- 5.D Award Bid Call No. 2026-11 Tree Trimming Contract Utility Electrical Distribution System to Arbor Works LLC
- 5.E Approval for Grant Application for Three New Police Officers Under House Bill 2015
- 5.F Bid Award - Bid Call 2026-09 Ellensburg Public Library and Hal Holmes Community Center HVAC Replacement
- 5.G Approve July 20, 2026 Voucher Listing

6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

None

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions

- 9.A Second Reading of Ordinance 4991 Approving Rezone of Parcel 242833 from Residential Medium (R-M) to Residential High (R-H). (Public Comment Opportunity)
Dan Carlson, Community Development Director, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Palmer moved to conduct second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4991, approving rezone of Parcel 242833 from Residential Medium (R-M) to Residential High (R-H). **Motion Approved 5-0**

- 9.B Ordinance 4992 (First Reading) - Urban Forestry Code, Repeal and Replace Chapter 4.36 Street Trees (Public Comment Opportunity)
Erin McGowan, Water/Storm Program Coordinator, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff.

Councilmember Palmer move to conduct first reading of Ordinance No. 4992, repealing and replacing Chapter 4.36 Street Trees of the Ellensburg City Code. **Motion Approved 5-0**

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- 11.A First and Pine Property Contribution Letter of Intent (Public Comment Opportunity)
Lily Frey, Housing Program Manager, presented information in the staff report. Council asked questions of staff. Skylar Bisom-Rapp, representative, also provided information.

Councilmember Miller moved to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign the amended letter of intent for property contribution, as provided on the dais.

Motion Approved 5-0

- 11.B 2026 Comprehensive Plan - Chapter 2 Discussion - Our Community: Access, Engagement, and Belonging (Public Comment Opportunity)
Stacey Henderson, Planning Manager, presented information concerning Chapter 2 of the Comprehensive Plan. Council asked questions of staff and provided comment regarding the revisions.

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

Kathryn Martell

William Coleman

12. Miscellaneous

- 12.A Manager's Report (No Public Comment)
Heidi Behrends Cerniwey, City Manager, presented information in the report.
- 12.B Councilmembers' Reports (No Public Comment)
Palmer attended the KC Transfer Station event, reported on Affordable Housing Commission, and attended the Law & Justice Committee and UAC
Goodloe attended the AAEE Commission and KCCOG meetings
Lillquist attended ETAC and reported on the Clean Energy Implementation Plan presentation done in the Environmental and Utility Advisory Committee meetings

13. Executive Session

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm