



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting

Time of Meeting

Place of Meeting

Minutes of Utility Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

July 16, 2026

3:30 PM

Council Conference Room

501 North Anderson Street

Ellensburg, WA 98926

And remotely via Zoom

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83931522564>

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Members present in person: Jeff Bousson, Chair/CWU, Delano Palmer, City Council, Fred Springsteen, Utility Customer, Nancy Lillquist, City Council, Frederick Padjen, Utility Customer, Camber Owlsym, Utility Customer.

Others present in person: City Manager Behrends Cerniwey, Energy Services Director Stanavich, Energy Resources Manager Baker, Gas Engineer Yusi, Finance Officer Bair, Telecom Manager Hiede, Rate Analyst Mooers, Sustainability and Energy Coordinator Holmes.

Others present remotely via Zoom: Charolette Tullos, Utility Customer, members of the public.

2. Approval of Agenda

Committee member Bousson moved to Approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0**

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.A Utility Advisory Committee Meeting 6-18-26 - Minutes
Utility Advisory Committee Meeting 6-18-26 Minutes Committee member Bousson moved to Approve the Minutes from the meeting. **Motion Approved 7-0**

4. Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

5. Electric, Natural Gas, and Telecommunications Discussion Items

- 5.A Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) Outreach Plan for 2026-2029 CEIP
Sustainability and Energy Coordinator Holmes presented the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) Outreach Plan for 2026-2029 CEIP. Sustainability and Energy Coordinator Holmes explained the Clean Energy Implementation

Plan is and what the goals are. Sustainability and Energy Coordinator Holmes discussed what the City has already completed to achieve the plan goals. Sustainability and Energy Coordinator Holmes discussed what the City's current energy efficiency programs and discussed the City's factors on vulnerability within the CEIP completed in 2025; these were housing, income and energy burden.

Committee member Frederick Springsteen asked if a member of the community was interested in participating in the program, how they would determine if they are eligible, and who determines if they qualify. Energy Resource Manager Baker answered that HopeSource will be responsible for determining eligibility.

Sustainability and Energy Coordinator Holmes closed out the presentation on the CEIP by explaining the implementation strategy and plan for execution over the next three years.

Chair Bousson asked if the City has any plans for student outreach. Committee member Lillquist mentioned the possibility of involvement with the High School environmental club or the High School sustainability club.

5.B Energy Resource Plan

Energy Resources Manager Baker presented the Energy Resource Plan and explained the data and forecasts provided from BPA. Energy Resources Manager Baker asked for a favorable recommendation to City Council on the Energy Resource Plan.

Committee member Padjen asked if this plan includes the solar farm. Energy Resource Manager Baker answered that the data does not include the solar farm. Committee member Bousson asked if there are any risks associated to this plan. Energy Services Director Stanavich answered no, the only risks that factor into energy resources are going to be with Bonneville Power.

Committee member Bousson moved to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to approve the Energy Resource Plan. **Motion Approved 7-0**

5.C Community Solar Expansion Program — Participation

Rate Analyst Moores presented the CSEP, Community Solar Expansion Program. Rate Analyst Moores explained what the program is and how it works. Rate Analyst Moores explained what the city's role is in the program and who our resources are for the program. The city has a limit of \$250,000 annually.

Committee Member Palmer asked if the City has offered this program in the past. Committee Member Owlsym asked if the program funding rolls over, if there are excess funds available in the upcoming year. Committee Member Lillquist asked what the City's plan is for public communication on the program.

Committee member Bousson asked where the source of the program funding is from. Rate Analyst Moores answered the program funding is from Commerce.

Committee member Bousson moved to forward a favorable recommendation to

City Council to approve the Community Solar Expansion Program. **Motion Approved 7-0**

6. Energy Services Updates

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Committee Member Springsteen stated he received an automated text message from our Power Outage communication software. Energy Services Director Stanavich explained our outage software, and explained our attempts in sending out a text message to all subscribers.

Committee Member Bousson asked how the City is positioned to provide energy during the hot summer season, with increased utilization of power and potentially more hazards. Energy Services Director Stanavich explained we have an extremely reliable power provider, and we have no concerns.

7. Commission Representative Update

Committee member Palmer stated CWU is wrapping up their Geothermal project. Committee member Bousson encouraged members of the public and the City staff to explore the new Geothermal building on campus. Committee member Palmer explained their plan for public education and outreach on the project, how it works, and how it benefits our community.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.