

CLE ELUM GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 1, 2024

8:30 AM

119 W FIRST STREET

CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order

Steven Harper - Committee Member present
Jerred Weis - Committee Member present
Beth Williams - Committee Member absent

Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - Clerk

2. Unfinished Business

a. Senior Center Funding - General Government Committee

Lori Nevin from the Senior Center provided the committee with the contract that the Senior Center and Kittitas County currently have. Kittitas County currently helps fund the Senior Center with \$40,000.00 per year. Lori would like the Cle Elum General Government Committee and the Council to identify their needs regarding the center. Lori mentioned that most Senior Centers are funded totally by the city that they are located in. The Upper Kittitas County Senior Center has a different business model since it serves multiple cities. Lori stated that the best part about the center is what it does for the community. There are 2.2 paid staff, otherwise the center runs on volunteers.

It was explained that the membership is \$25 per year per person or \$250 for a lifetime membership. This membership offers the monthly newsletter, free dinner at the annual dinner, voting rights, and a free meal during your birthday month. You do not need to be a member to come to the Senior Center or a senior. Last week, the State of Washington presented the interim board with an award for stepping up and running the center during the time they did not have a director. There were over 100 nominations for this award.

Discussion was had about the value of the land that the City owns where the Senior Center is located. Committee Member Harper stated that with the City owning the land, this allows the Senior Center to apply for grants that they might not otherwise be able to apply for.

Lori Nevin asked about a time line. Committee Chair Harper stated he will bring it to the Council for discussion on May 14, 2024 and then it will go back to the Committee on May 22, 2024 so the Committee can finalize an agreement. Most likely a final decision could be at the June 11, 2024 Council Meeting.

Committee Chair Harper thought a good starting point would be a suggestion of \$10,000 per year and his goal is to get it in this years budget. The Council can discuss what their

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thoughts are on amount of meetings they might need the space for or other uses the city may need.

b. City of Cle Elum Personnel Policy - Finance Director Robin Newcomb

Committee Chair Harper would like these items in the personnel policy to be tabled until the Collective Bargaining is complete as there may be other changes that need to be made.

Discussion was had about removing or keeping the gratuity/tip as a non-allowable expense. Committee Member Harper feels this is gifting of public funds and should be removed. This item will also be tabled until the Collective Bargaining is complete.

3. New Business

a. Approve the Minutes of the General Government Committee Meeting Dated March 27, 2024

MOTION: Committee Member Harper made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting dated March 27, 2024; seconded by Committee Member Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

b. Cle Elum Municipal Code Review - Discussion

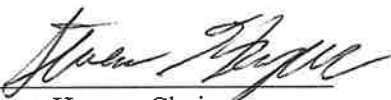
Committee Members present started with the general provisions of the Cle Elum Municipal Code.

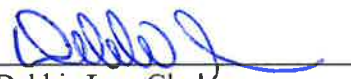
They did discuss under Definitions 1.04.010 changing "all Councilmen" to Councilmembers. The Committee will finish reading through Title 1 and discuss it at the next meeting.

4. Other Committee Comments

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 9:37 a.m.


Steven Harper, Chair


Debbie Lee, Clerk