

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 16, 2024

1:00 PM

**119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922**

1. Call to Order

John Glondo - present
Ken Ratliff - absent
Beth Williams - present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Ed Mills - Fire Chief
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Rich Albo - Police Chief

2. Unfinished Business

a. Municipal Codes - Criminal

Chief Albo stated in his notes he identified what currently exists in the criminal municipal code and a path to proceed with the needed changes. All the codes are out of date. Chief Albo is reviewing all the Criminal Code and comparing it to the RCW and how it relates to the current code.

Committee Member Glondo thought it would be prudent to give the Public Health & Safety Committee updates but wait until there is something substantial before going to the Council.

3. New Business

a. Approve the Minutes Dated May 21, 2024

MOTION: Committee Member Williams made a motion to approve the minutes dated May 21, 2024; seconded by Committee Member Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

b. Approve the Minutes Dated June 18, 2024

MOTION: Committee Member Williams made a motion to approve the minutes dated June 18, 2024; seconded by Committee Member Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

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c. Municipal Code - Addressing (fire/police)

Chief Mills stated that it is a requirement to post addresses on houses, businesses etc. Some areas of Cle Elum are mislabeled. Chief Mills would like to strengthen the Municipal Code and have a grid type system to make it easier to set up addresses. Chief Mills would like to establish a process for addressing problems and will continue to work with the Public Safety & Health Committee and then take it to the Council once they come up with a plan.

Committee Member Williams stated that she would like to stay with what the City has currently. Chief Mills stated currently there is nothing that defines how the city addresses houses or residences.

d. Washington Auto Theft Prevention WATPA Flock Camera Grant Contract - Chief Albo

Chief Albo discussed the recent grant that his department was awarded. Flock cameras do not take video, but pictures of vehicles and license plate numbers that are put into a database where all departments can search. For example, if a vehicle was stolen from Cle Elum and has a hit in Texas the car can be recovered. This tool will help with kidnapping, amber alerts and silver alerts. This grant would pay for 5 cameras for 2 years. At that time, the department can decide if this is a valuable tool or not. Chief Albo believes this will be a valuable tool for the department. Chief Albo would like the Committee to recommend this to be presented to the Council for approval. Once this grant is signed, Chief Albo will set up a time for Flock Cameras to come give a presentation to the Council.

e. Cle Elum Municipal Code - Public Camping

Chief Albo would like to move forward with the Camping Code. The Grants Pass Code passed in the Supreme Court and Chief Albo would like to present this to the City attorney. He would like the Cle Elum Camping Code to be consistent with the City of Ellensburg and the County Code.

4. Other Committee Comments

Committee Member Williams asked if there has been a Fire Budget Meeting lately. Chief Mills stated there has not been a need lately, so they have not been having them.

5. Adjourn

Committee Member Glondo adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m.



John Glondo, Chair



Debbie Lee, Clerk