

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE
MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2024

1:00 PM

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Debbie Lee - Clerk
Rich Albo - Chief of Police
Ed Mills - Fire Chief

2. Unfinished Business

a. Municipal Codes - Criminal

Chief Albo informed the committee that he would like to prioritize the camping code and the flock policy.

Chief Albo explained to the committee that he is talking with the city attorney and trying to figure out the best way to tackle the criminal code update. Chief Albo would like to list all the RCW's that are criminal codes and then, if there is a specific city code that the council or committee want to make a criminal code, they could add it to the municipal code.

The committee will wait to hear how the attorney suggests moving forward.

b. Municipal Code - Addressing (fire/police)

Chief Mills would like to see a more defined and standardized process for assigning addresses. The goal would be to define unique areas like 1/2's, ADU's, etc. The numbering would be, anything on the left side of the street would be odd and, and anything on the right side would be an even number. There also needs to be a defined center point. The committee also discussed reflective house numbers. Chief Mills will talk to the Council at the next meeting and then Committeemember Ratliff and Chief Mills will get together and work on an ordinance.

c. Camping Ordinance

Ellensburg and Kittitas County adopted similar camping codes. Chief Albo provided a red-lined version, a clean version and a list of attorney suggestions. The Ellensburg Municipal Code has a stipulation that if a bed is available at a shelter, the camper will get cited. If a bed is not available, they will not be cited. Chief Albo would like to make the criminal citation be at the discretion of the officer to enforce or find a suitable place for the camper to

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stay the night. The Grants Pass decision cleared the way for municipalities to enforce camping on public property. The camping ordinance would be a good tool and would have an avenue for police to enforce. This will not solve homelessness issues. More work will be done on this ordinance and brought back to the committee and then to the Council.

3. New Business

- a. Approve the Minutes Dated July 16, 2024

MOTION: Committeemember Ratliff made a motion to approve the minutes dated July 16, 2024; seconded by Committeemember Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

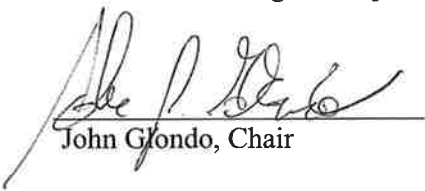
- b. Flock Camera Policy

Chief Albo informed the committee that he would model the City of Cle Elum License Plate Reader Flock Policy similar to the City of Yakima's. Councilmember Cook will help Chief Albo with the writing of the policy. The Committee should have a draft version available at the next Public Safety & Health Committee meeting. Chief Albo stated that he would hate to lose a good investigative tool to what ifs. Chief Albo asked Flock what are the consequences of another agency who abuses the program by not following procedures. Flock stated that they could terminate their contract for inappropriate use.

4. Other Committee Comments

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



John Glondo, Chair



Debbie Lee, Clerk