

CLE ELUM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 14, 2024
5:00 PM
 119 W FIRST STREET
 CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call

John Glondo - Councilmember present
 Ken Ratliff - Councilmember present
 Beth Williams - Councilmember present
 Steven Harper - Councilmember absent (arrived @ 5:23 p.m.)
 Jerred Weis - Councilmember present
 Steven Cook - Councilmember present
 Audrey Malek - Councilmember present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
 Rob Omans - City Administrator
 Robin Newcomb - Finance Director

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Harper; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

- a. October 14, 2024 Sign In Sheet

2. Executive Session

- a. Executive Session under the authority of RCW 42.30.110(i) to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence for the agency.

The Council went into Executive Session at 5:04 for a period of 30 minutes. The Council returned at 5:34 p.m. with no decisions being made.

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See attached Executive Session Script.

3. **Public Comment - Limited To 5 Minutes**

4. **New Business**

a. 2024 3rd Quarter Budget Position

See attached reports.

b. 2025 Preliminary Budget

See attached budget reports.

Items discussed:

- A part-time office assistant at the Fire Department has been around for a couple of years, potentially going full-time.
- City Hall needs a new fire wall by the year 2025.
- The Council would like the city to consider a different vendor to give a quote on a Cisco switch.
- Councilmember Harper would like to see the police department fully staffed and to purchase another police vehicle.
- Sprinklers are important for the fire department.
- Discussion was had about the revenues and how it would be hard to find additional funds for a police officer and vehicle.
- There is potential for new development within the city. This revenue has not been projected and could be favorable to the REET fund and sales tax.
- Discussion was had about increasing Utility Tax or forming a Transportation Benefit District for additional revenue.
- Police, fire and roads are services the city provides, and they are the priority.
- Councilmember Ratliff would like to see more revenue set aside for infrastructure.

The Council agreed to have another work session scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2024, before the Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

5. **Other Committee Comments**

6. **Adjourn**

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor


Debbie Lee, Clerk

