

**CLE ELUM SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2024
10:00 AM
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 present
Jerred Weis - Councilmember present
Steven Cook - Councilmember present via zoom
Audrey Malek - Councilmember present arrived at 10:16 a.m.

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Alexandra Kenyon - Attorney

a. December 5, 2024, Sign In Sheets

2. Public Comment – Limited to 5 Minutes

No public comment.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

**MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the agenda as presented;
seconded by Councilmember Weis.
MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

4. Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

a. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i): To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation to which the agency 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 to the agency.

b. December 5, 2024, Executive Session Script

Council went into Executive Session at 10:03 a.m. for 30 minutes and returned at 10:35 with

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no decisions being made.

Councilmember Weis stated there might be a potential conflict of interest. He found out last week that Inland Telephone has the same land use attorney as City Heights. Councilmember Weis wanted to make the Council aware of this, and he takes his position as Councilmember seriously.

Discussion was had regarding this before going back into the Executive Session. The Council has confidence in Councilmember Weis, but any type of relationship or association with the topic could be perceived as a conflict of interest. Councilmember Weis recused himself from the remainder of the Executive Session.

The Council went back into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. for an additional 30 minutes, returning at 11:15 a.m. with no decisions being made.

5. New Business

a. Confirmation of Mathew Bailey as the New Public Works Director - Mayor Lundh

Discussion was had regarding the confirmation of Mathew Bailey as the new Public Works Director. They were impressed with his knowledge.

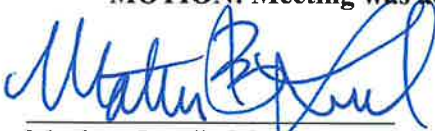
Councilmember Ratliff did not like that he was not a licensed Engineer, and asked if any of the applicants were. It was stated that yes there were two, but they did not meet the pre-screening qualification process. Councilmember Ratliff felt the wage was more than what it should be. He also felt that there was not enough emphasis on streets, civil, or traffic qualifications and that this is a comprehensive position. He is not in support of this hire.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to confirm the hire of Matthew Bailey at the new Public Works Director; seconded by Councilmember Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 1 no. (Councilmember Ratliff).

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor


Debbie Lee, Clerk