

**CLE ELUM PUBLIC WORKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 2024

12:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Audrey Malek - present
Ken Ratliff - present
Jerred Weis - present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Audrey Casassa - Utility Clerk
Aaron Barr - Public Works

2. Unfinished Business

a. Veolia Contract - Regional Vice President Veolia - Melissa Sandvold

Melissa Sandvold gave a presentation on the services and benefits that the Veolia contract offers the City. This contract will be up for renewal in 2025.

Points of discussion were:

- Veolia can give a condensed version of assets and life expectancy and replacement costs.
- Looking at the possibility of applying for a grant/loan for a solar system to offset PSE costs.
- There is an opportunity for bio mass.
- The advantage of using Veolia is that there are many resources available.
- Assessments do not cost the City of Cle Elum.
- The consensus was to continue to use Veolia for services and get a draft contract and present it to the Council for review.

b. Waste Management Contract

The changes to the Waste Management contract have already been adopted on the customer side. The City of Cle Elum added a 10% increase to the services to cover administration costs. The contract renewal includes picking up garbage cans on First Street two times per week in the summer months, service to city facilities, recycling at no cost to the city facilities, and two event dumpsters per year.

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MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to recommend the Waste Management Contract to the City Council for approval; seconded by Committee Member Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

c. Cemetery Clean Up - Discussion

Discussion items:

- Prohibiting artificial flowers in the cemetery.
- Working with Henry Johnston via email to work out the specifics and look at other cities' municipal codes to see what language they use.

d. Snow Removal Update - Mayor Lundh

Mayor Lundh updated the Public Works & Community Development Committee that the City will be hiring a part-time/seasonal employee that will help clear sidewalks on First Street. Their schedule would be based on the hours of snowing in either early morning or helping the crew for the remainder of the day. The City will be purchasing calcium magnesium acetate, which is the safest thing for new sidewalks. This shift will vary depending on the weather. The goal is to clear the snow on the sidewalks in the early morning hours and apply calcium magnesium acetate to assist the business owners. The City will start communicating with downtown business owners soon. The business owners are still responsible for their sidewalks.

3. New Business

a. Approve October 3, 2024, Public Works & Community Development Committee Minutes

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to approve the Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes Dated October 3, 2024; seconded by Committee Member Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

b. 2024 Draft Construction and Design Standards Update - Jakob Michael HLA

Jacob Michael from HLA presented a draft version of the Construction Design Standards. These have not been updated since 2002. See attached update. There were two goals in updating this document; a relevant up-to-date document and an easy-to-use document with clickable links. WSDOT standards are applicable, there were 33 pages that were added, and the standard details have been updated. This document should be ready to be approved before the 2025 development season.

The Committee had a concern regarding sewer holes and valve cans being level with the

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asphalt and maybe changing that from 1/2 inch to 1" inch below the asphalt so that snow blades wouldn't hit the sewer holes or valve cans and cause damage. The Committee would like to give the public/contractors a chance to review this document and hear their input. The Committee will prepare an announcement so the public is aware of this update.

A citizen spoke regarding the rocks that are being placed between the Second Street Pathway/sidewalk, and whether it is unsafe for citizens.

The Construction Standards are tabled until the next meeting to view the clean document and then recommend it to the Council.

c. Flag Pole Park - Gary Berndt

This was tabled until Gary Berndt was available with a proposed plan.

d. Greenway Kiosk Update - (Wye Park) Discussion - Nicky Pasi

See attached presentation by Nicky Pasi with Mountain to Sound Greenway.

Mountain to Sound Greenway is non-profit, and they would like to upgrade the sign at Wye Park. It was discussed that they should work with the Historical Preservation Commission, the Downtown Association, and Committee member Malek. Committee member Malek would like to see cohesive ideas between all the parks, including the Coal Mines Trail. Mining and logging pictures were suggested. The Committee discussed the QR code technology and the cost of keeping the websites up to date.

e. Jerke Rental Property Leak Adjustment - Utility Clerk Audrey Casassa

Audrey Casassa Utility Clerk stated that she made an adjustment to this account due to the billing period crossing months, and rates increased. The customer made the repairs as soon as he was aware there was an issue. He put in a completely new waterline.

MOTION: Councilmember Weis made a motion to approve the leak adjustment request in the amount of \$500 to Jerke Rental Properties; seconded by Councilmember Ratliff.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

4. Other Committee Comments

Committee Member Ratliff was happy to hear about the hiring of a seasonal worker to help with snow removal on city sidewalks. The business owners will still be responsible, but the city will assist.

5. Adjourn

MOTION: Committee Member Weis made a motion to adjourn at 1:45 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

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Jerred Weis, Chair

Debbie Lee, Clerk