

**CLE ELUM PUBLIC WORKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2025
12:00 PM
119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Audrey Malek - absent
Ken Ratliff - present
Jerred Weis - absent (attend via zoom at 12:15 p.m.)

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Audrey Casassa - Utility Billing Clerk

2. Unfinished Business

a. [Code Revision to CEMC 13.12.115 - Sewer Overage - Mathew Bailey PW Director](#)

Mayor Lundh explained that Title 13.12.115 needed to be updated based on the way sewer is now being charged on a consumption basis. If a customer has a water leak their sewer is increased as well. The amount for relief was \$500 and the engineers recommended increasing it to \$1,000.

Discussion was had that this amount might not be adequate, the Committee decided to keep the language as is and adjust the amount if needed at a later date. The Public Works & Community Development Committee will recommend the Ordinance change at the next Council meeting.

3. New Business

a. [December 5, 2024 Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to approve the December 5, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes; seconded by None.

MOTION CARRIED: 1 yes 0 no.

b. [Residential Water Usage Average for Sewer Rates - Discussion](#)

Discussion was had about the need for a code change to average the water consumption of each customer between the months of November through March and use that average for billing sewer through the summer months. This could potentially help offset the new sewer

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rate structure for the use of irrigation water that is not treated at the plant. Audrey Casassa informed the committee that Springbrook software has this feature available which will make billing easier and a good solution for the residential citizens.

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to recommend to the council an Ordinance that will average the water consumption for irrigation purposes regarding the new sewer rate structure; seconded by Committee Member Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

The Committee also discussed allowing a deduct meter for water that is used for irrigation purposes. This would be for larger irrigation users such as the school, hotels, etc. This will need to be approved by Public Works. Staff will prepare an Ordinance to be presented to the Council.

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to recommend staff to prepare an Ordinance allowing for a deduct meter on large irrigation users; seconded by Committee Member Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

- c. Leak Relief Request - Michael Weiser

Discussion was had that this leak was fixed right away and Public Works confirmed the fix.

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to approve the leak request in the amount of \$385.48; seconded by Committee Member Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

4. Other Committee Comments

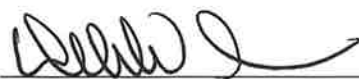
- a. Veolia Contract - FYI

This contract expires in 2025, and staff would like the Public Works & Community Development Committee to anticipate some changes on the City side. This contract will be discussed in the upcoming meetings.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.


Jerred Weis, Chair


Debbie Lee, Clerk