

CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 28, 2024

6:00 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 absent
Jerred Weis - Councilmember absent
Steven Harper - Councilmember present
Steven Cook - Councilmember absent
Audrey Malek - Councilmember present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Robin Newcomb - Finance Director
Colleda Monick - Planner HLA
Rich Albo - Police Chief
Aaron Barr - Public Works
Ben Annen - HLA

MOTION: Councilmember Glondo made a motion to approve the absence of Councilmembers Weis, Cook and Williams; seconded by Councilmember Harper.
MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

a. May 28, 2024 Sign In Sheet

2. Public Comment – Limited to 5 Minutes

Larry Stauffer commented on the Hanson Ponds.

3. Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Councilmember Malek.
MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

5. Consent Agenda

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MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the consent agenda; seconded by Councilmember Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

- a. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes Dated May 14, 2024
- b. Approve the Payables Dated May 28, 2024 \$871,173.26
- c. Pacifica Law Group LLP Bond Counsel Legal Services

6. Staff Reports

- a. Police - Chief Albo

See attached report.

- b. Public Works - Aaron Barr

Aaron Barr of Public Works stated they are busy with the cemetery, parks and the irrigation.

There was a sewer backup on 4th Street today with 6 manholes being backed up.

The GovDeals auction is complete, and it brought in about \$32,000. The tub grinder sold for more than what the city paid for it.

7. Public Appearances – 15-Minute Limit

- a. Cle Elum Downtown Association - Jordan Peterson

See attached report.

- b. PSE Wildfire Mitigation and Public Safety Power Shut Off - Carryn Vande Griend PSE

See attached report.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

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- a. Johansen ROW Vacation - Colleda Monick HLA

The Public Hearing opened at 6:39 p.m. and closed at 6:41 p.m. with one public comment.

Brad Page stated he owns property nearby and does not like this idea due to the amount of run off that could be created.

After the Public Hearing was closed, there was discussion that the Council is not approving a development, merely discussing the ROW vacation. If someone was to develop the property in the future, they would need to go through the SEPA process and storm water would need to remain on site. There were four other parcels that applied for ROW vacations in 1984, and they were granted the vacation. There was also discussion about the width of the street and how, in the future, if the property was developed, how the street would be able to accommodate the traffic.

Jalen Johansen, owner of the property, stated it is his intention to eventually build a house on that site. There was also discussion about the ease of access.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to request staff to prepare an Ordinance vacating the 20-feet of right-of-way abutting parcel 10534 as defined in Resolution 2024-008 with the vacated portion of the public right-of-way belonging to the abutting property owner, and to request the applicant to provide payment to the city not to exceed one half of the appraised value; seconded by Councilmember Malek. MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County Foundation Skatepark Project Phase 2 -2024 Lodging Tax Application - Lodging Tax & Event Committee

Lucy Temple spoke to the Council regarding the commitment the group has made to make sure that the skate park is completed. The Council at the previous meeting encouraged the Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County Foundation to submit a Lodging Tax Application for the shortfall in funds.

The Council discussed not wanting to deplete the Lodging Tax Funds that are currently available. It was noted that Kittitas County would also donate \$170,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the 2024 Lodging Tax Application submitted by the Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County for the skate park in the amount of \$170,000; seconded by Councilmember Glondo. MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

10. New Business

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- a. Second Street & Rossetti Way Water Main Improvements Change Order No. 3 Ascent Foundations & More - Ben Annen HLA

Ben Annen of HLA stated that this Change Order No. 3 will help resolve the water issue on Railroad Street and the crossing at Crystal Creek. Last winter, the city had to apply heat tape to keep the water from freezing, and it affected 9 homes on that street. With this Change Order No. 3 the line will be looped, so the City should not have an issue freezing. The City will provide the pipes and fittings, Ascent Foundation will supply the machines and workforce. This is approximately 250 feet of pipe with an 8" line.

- b. Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 Pay Request No. 2 Active Construction - Ben Annen HLA

Ben Annen of HLA explained that this request consists of mobilization costs, the purchase of materials, and demo and removal of sidewalks.

MOTION: Councilmember Ratliff made a motion to approve Downtown Revitalization Pay Request No. 2 Active Construction; seconded by Councilmember Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

- c. WSDOT Construction Agreement for Second Street Pathway Phase 1 (portion on SR 903) - Ben Annen HLA

Ben Annen of HLA explained that this agreement is for third party oversight of Second Street Pathway Phase 1 (portion of 903).

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign Construction Agreement for the Second Street Pathway Phase 1; seconded by Councilmember Ratliff.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

- d. Bid Award Second Street Pathway McCann Trucking LLC - Ben Annen HLA

Ben Annen of HLA informed the Council that there were 7 bids received. The responsible and responsive bidder was a local contractor, McCann Trucking. The bid was about \$10,000 over the engineer's estimate and TIB verbally approved an increase in funds to cover the shortfall. HLA recommends the Council to award the bid to McCann Trucking.

MOTION: Councilmember Ratliff made a motion to approve awarding the bid to McCann Trucking; seconded by Councilmember Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

- e. 2023 Annual Report Submission - Robin Newcomb Finance Director

Councilmembers Harper and Ratliff stated it was a monumental task to get the annual report

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completed and told Robin Newcomb she did a good job.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the certification and submission of the 2023 Annual Report to the State Auditors; seconded by Councilmember Ratliff.

MOTION CARRIED: 4 yes 0 no.

11. Report of Committees

Councilmember Harper reported that the General Government Committee meets tomorrow morning at 8:30 a.m.

Councilmember Glondo reported that the Public Safety and Health Committee met. He stated that there was not a lot on the agenda, and that they would be meeting again on June 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

12. Councilmember Comments - Limited to 5 Minutes

Councilmember Ratliff reported to the Council that Hartwig Vatheuer passed away recently. His service will be held at the Senior Center on June 8, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.

Councilmember Ratliff stated he was uncomfortable about several things related to the Hanson Ponds. He will do some research.

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lundh reported that he and Colleda Monick met with the school board and superintendent regarding different issues of the property being in the county and city.

Collective Bargaining is scheduled for tomorrow.

The Kittitas County Economic Development Committee is meeting for the next couple of days.

Next Monday the regional partners with water and sewer will have a meeting.

June 6, 2024, is the next Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting, and they will discuss the proposed sewer rate increase.

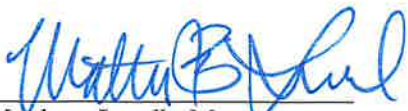
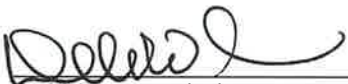
Mayor Lundh reported that the awnings are halfway down in cooperation with the building owners, so the project is moving forward.

14. Adjournment by Motion

Councilmember Glondo made a motion to adjourn @ 7:30 p.m.

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