

CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 25, 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 via zoom
Beth Williams - Councilmember present
Steven Harper - Councilmember present
Jerred Weis - Councilmember present
Steven Cook - Councilmember present
Audrey Malek - Councilmember present via zoom

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Colleda Monick - HLA
Rich Albo - Police Chief
Ben Annen - HLA

a. June 25, 2024 Sign In Sheet

2. Public Comment – Limited to 5 Minutes

Allen Mulue - owner of the Thai Restaurant, wants to be present and will be coming to the meetings.

Larry Stauffer - sent the Council and Mayor a letter regarding forming a committee for Hanson Ponds.

3. Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition

4. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the amended agenda by adding Hanson Ponds under Unfinished Business; seconded by Councilmember Glondo.
MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

5. Consent Agenda

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

a. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes Dated June 11, 2024

b. Approve the Payables Dated June 25, 2024 \$626,267.79

6. Staff Reports

a. City Administrator - Rob Omans

See attached report.

b. Police Chief - Rich Albo

See attached report.

7. Public Appearances – 15-Minute Limit

a. The Nature Conservancy Letter of Support for Securing Funds for Permanent Conservation of the Cle Elum Ridge - Catherine Waterston

Catherine Waterston and Mark Charlton of the Nature Conservancy gave a presentation on the Permanent Conservation of the Cle Elum Ridge. Mark stated they would be doing a prescribed burn in July and will take all safety precautions. They did the same amount of acreage last year. This will benefit the safety of nearby towns.

b. Cle Elum Downtown Association - Jordan Peterson

See attached report.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

a. Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2025-2030 - Ben Annen HLA

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:46 p.m. and closed at 6:47 p.m. with no public comment.

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Ben Annen of HLA presented the 13 projects on the 6-year STIP. There was discussion on the priority of Railroad Street. It was decided to move this project up on the list. The first 5 projects have action that has already begun regarding applying for funding. There is possibly some potential funding for Railroad Street projects that might just need to be reclassified.

- b. Proposed Non-Project Text Amendments to the Following Cle Elum Municipal Code Chapters: 15.20 - Sign Code, 17.16 - R Residential District, 17.32 CG General Commercial District, and Creating a New Chapter in the Zoning Ordinance, 17.71 - Zero Lot Line and Common Wall Developments - Colleda Monick HLA

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m. with one public comment.

Jacob McGee would like to see this approved as they have a new business that they would like to open on the property that they recently purchased.

Colleda Monick of HLA gave a presentation on the work of the Planning Commission regarding the proposed Text Amendments. Some of the changes will affect short-term rentals regarding home occupations and live-on-site short-term rentals. There were some changes to the sign code. Discussion was had regarding repair and maintenance in chapter 15.20.070 and chapter 15.20.170. The Council also discussed what prompt removal meant and window signs.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Hanson Ponds Committee

Discussion was had regarding forming a committee of the Councilmembers who are interested in serving on this committee as well as community members. The Council also had discussion regarding the different agencies, the stages of the design, grant process and who has been handling that. Mayor Lundh will advertise for this committee on Facebook, and the City website. Mayor Lundh will get a firm schedule from the Kittitas Conservation District, which is the main point of contact.

10. New Business

- a. Ordinance 1672 Text Amendments to Chapters 15.20, 17.16, 17.32, and Establishing Chapter 17.70 - Colleda Monick

The Council would like Colleda Monick of HLA to make the changes to the sign code that were discussed during the public hearing. The Council wanted to thank the Planning Commission for all of the hard work that was put into this update.

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MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve Ordinance 1672 Text Amendments; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- b. Resolution 2024-015 Six Year Transportation Improvement Board 2025-2030 - Ben Annen HLA

The Council would like to move project #8 to #13 and shift the remaining projects forward. The Council would also like to change the limits on project #9.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the changes mentioned above and approve Resolution 2024-015 Six-Year STIP; seconded by Councilmember Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- c. First Street Downtown Revitalization Project Phase 3 Pay Request No. 3 Active Construction Inc. \$540,583.89 - Ben Annen HLA

Ben Annen of HLA noted that this request is for a substantial amount of work.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve pay request No. 3 to Active Construction in the amount of \$540,583.89; seconded by Councilmember Glondo.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- d. Bullfrog Flats Development Review Task Order No. 2024-05 - Ben Annen HLA

Ben Annen of HLA reported to the Council that there is a potential new developer for Bullfrog Flats. There has not been an application submitted yet. This Task Order will allow HLA to review the project and pass the charges on to the new potential developer. This typically happens when there is a larger development.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve Task Order No. 2024-05 Bullfrog Flats Development Review; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- e. Growth Management Act Periodic Update Task Order No. 2024-06 - Joseph Calhoun HLA

Colleda Monick of HLA reported that this is a required update for the Comprehensive Plan. The City did receive a grant in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve Task Order No. 2024-06 Growth Management Act Periodic Update; seconded by Councilmember Cook.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- f. 2025 Budget Priorities - Mayor Lundh

Mayor Lundh would like the Council to consider what their priorities are for the 2025 Budget.

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The priorities of the Council are: Public Works - street, police services, fire, and infrastructure. They also want to make sure they look at transportation elements and work with the County and other communities.

Mayor Lundh would like to see revenues set aside for projects like the vacant suite next to City Hall so that City Hall can be expanded.

11. Report of Committees

No comments.

12. Councilmember Comments - Limited to 5 Minutes

Councilmember Harper commented that the citizens had concerns about the recent presentation at the Library from PSE.

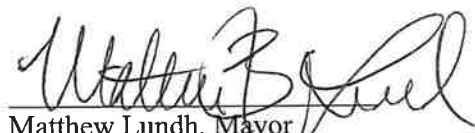
Councilmember Harper also had concerns about the increase in vehicles and firewood that is for sale parked near Y Park.

13. Mayor's Report

- Public Works hired a new Operator and Maintenance employee, Levi Waddell. He is local and lives in Cle Elum and fits in well.
- Mayor Lundh attended the AWC Annual Conference and encouraged Council members to attend as it was a great event.
- Reminder that fireworks are prohibited in the city limits.
- There is the possibility of a new developer for Bullfrog Flats. They are planning to attend a Council Meeting in the future.

14. Adjournment by Motion

MOTION: Councilmember Glondo made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor


Debbie Lee, Clerk

