

CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 2024

5:00 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
Steven Harper - Councilmember absent (arrived at 5:16 p.m. via zoom)
Jerred Weis - Councilmember absent
Steven Cook - Councilmember present
Audrey Malek - Councilmember present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Ben Annen - HLA

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to excuse Councilmembers Williams, Harper and Weiss; seconded by Councilmember Ratliff.

MOTION : 4 yes 0 no.

- a. August 12, 2024, Special Meeting Sign In Sheet

2. New Business

- a. Hanson Pond Update - Mel Babik
Mel Babik - Kittitas Conservation Trust
Mitch Long - Kittitas Conservation Trust
Polyanna Lind - Interfluve

Discussion was had regarding the Hanson Ponds restoration project.

The study group discussed all the different timelines and options that have been presented over the course of the project.

The group also discussed all the funding programs and how they all interact with the project.

Kittitas Conservation Trust felt that design No. 3 & 4 were both projects that would be easily permitted.

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The design of the project is to mitigate risk.

With the new project, the citizens would be able to access Hanson Ponds from the city and there would be a hiking path as well.

The project would protect fish and wildlife and improve the flood risk.

Larry Stauffer spoke to the group about his concerns regarding the project.

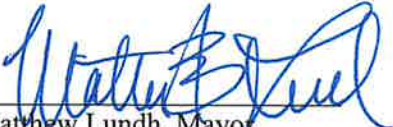
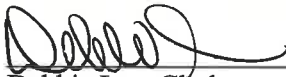
Tom Uren believes the project is worthwhile, and the goals are phenomenal, but the City should look at all the liability aspects.

Pat Deneen has concerns about the project as he has riverfront property that could be affected.

Both groups were going to contact other agencies to see what the liability to the city would be if this project created issues with water downstream.

3. Adjournment by Motion

The meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor
Debbie Lee, Clerk