

# CLE ELUM STUDY SESSION

## MINUTES

MARCH 26, 2024

5:00 PM

119 W FIRST STREET  
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

### 1. Call to Order

Councilmember Harper - present  
Councilmember Glondo - present  
Councilmember Ratliff - absent came in at 5:30 p.m.  
Councilmember Williams - present via zoom  
Councilmember Weis - present  
Councilmember Malek - present  
Councilmember Cook - present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor  
Debbie Lee - Clerk  
Ben Annen - HLA  
Dean Smith - HLA via zoom

### 2. New Business

#### a. Sewer Rate Study Recap & Next Steps

This has been a 3-year process. There is currently an equity issue with the current rate system.

This Sewer Rate Study allows the city to be proactive and build up the sewer fund for emergencies.

Some sewer classes could see a 57% increase in their billing.

This rate/class structure is based on the City of Yakima. There are three commercial classes, A, B & C.

The new rates would bring in a much needed \$450,000 annually to the sewer fund.

Fats and grease are not good for the system.

Public Works currently spends a lot of work hours jetting out sewers on a weekly basis, putting in grease traps, testing stations and educating the industrial and commercial users on what not to do could alleviate a lot of the current issues.

HLA explained that industrial and commercial users could be sampled once per month or possibly quarterly to see if they have cut down on their BOD/loading rates.

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It was discussed when would be the best time to implement the increase.

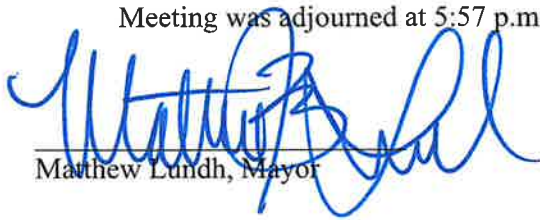
There was discussion about the rating of churches.

Council directed HLA to move forward with implementing the plan with public meetings and education.

3. **Other Committee Comments**

4. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.



Matthew Lundh, Mayor



Debbie Lee, Clerk