

CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

OCTOBER 8, 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 present
 Steven Harper - Councilmember present
 Jerred Weis - Councilmember present via zoom
 Steven Cook - Councilmember present via zoom
 Audrey Malek - Councilmember present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
 Rob Omans - City Administrator
 Debbie Lee - Clerk
 Colleda Monick - HLA
 William La Rue - Veolia
 Aaron Barr - Public Works
 Ed Mills - Fire Chief
 Rich Albo - Police Chief
 Dean Smith - HLA

- a. October 8, 2024 Council Meeting Sign In Sheet

2. Public Comment – Limited to 5 Minutes

Christine Heimbigner Simpson - has complaints about the water that she has to pump out of her basement. She would like the city to hire a leak detector company.

Larry Stauffer - Kittitas County Conservation Trust is presenting their 30% design at the upcoming Regional Meeting. He has concerns that the design will be approved, and he is not able to attend the meeting.

Nora Kantwell - Nora works on several volunteer boards, and she is bringing back concerns that people have voiced to her regarding charging for parking downtown. 1. How come the new commuter lot was not included? 2. It appears that employees and business owners use a lot of First Street parking. 3. Nora suggested that there is some nearby vacant property on Railroad Street that could help with off-street parking.

3. Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition

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a. [Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week - Mayor Lundh](#)

The Council had no opposition to Mayor Lundh signing and reading the proclamation for Red Ribbon Week.

b. [Chamber Proclamation 2024 - Mayor Lundh](#)

Mayor Lundh read the Support Your Local Chamber of Commerce Day Proclamation.

4. **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

5. **Consent Agenda**

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

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

a. [Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes Dated September 24, 2024](#)

b. [Approve the Payables Dated October 8, 2024 \\$521,275.40](#)

c. [Approve the Payroll Vouchers Dated October 4, 2024 \\$279,646.94](#)

6. **Staff Reports**

a. [City Administrator - Rob Omans](#)

See attached report.

The Safe Route to School Grant has moved to the next level and discussion was had about what type of camera is being placed. Rob Omans stated it's a speed camera.

b. [Planning - Colleda Monick HLA](#)

See attached report.

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c. Public Works - Aaron Barr

See attached report.

d. Police Chief - Rich Albo

See attached report.

e. Fire Chief - Ed Mills

See attached report.

f. Veolia - William LaRue

See attached report.

Discussion was had regarding whether hiring a Leak Detection Company was beneficial. The Council also discussed that the city has taken measures to reduce water leaks.

7. Public Appearances – 15-Minute Limit

a. Kaleidoscope Community Services - Stephanie Haag

See attached report.

Mayor Lundh reported that there was a citizen in need of a fence urgently and with the help of Kaleidoscope and a local church the citizen was able to get her fence constructed. Mayor Lundh stated that the organization Kaleidoscope is an amazing group to have in the community.

8. Business Requiring Public Hearings

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

a. Department of Ecology Agreement/Amendment for WQC-2022-CoCle-0012 Stormwater Grant/Loan 50% Forgivable Principal - Dean Smith HLA

Dean Smith of HLA informed the Council that, originally, city staff were going to camera all the storm water lines, but this would tie up all the employees, and they would not be able

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to keep up with daily tasks. This additional funding would allow a contractor to be hired to camera all the storm water lines. HLA would then be able to finish the storm water plan and create a model and determine what projects need prioritized. If the Council chooses not to request more funds from the Department of Ecology, HLA would have to reduce the scope of work.

The work that HLA has completed to date:

- Surveyed the elevations of most of the catch basins.
- Measured depths in most of the manholes.
- Information collected has been input into the hydraulic model for the system.
- HLA started a draft write-up of the plan. Need to add in projects to address needs and provide cost estimates for each.
- Completed the draft SERP/SEPA that is required for the plan.
- Assembled a list of known areas that need upgrades based on staff reports.
- Gathered a list of areas that need to be TV inspected to determine the routing of the pipes.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to authorize the mayor to amend the current agreement with DOE, securing up to an additional \$300,000 in funds from the DOE to develop a storm water plan and modeling, and extend the agreement's expiration date to January 31, 2026, with the same terms and conditions as the original agreement; seconded by Councilmember Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

11. Report of Committees

a. Public Works & Community Development

Councilmember Ratliff informed the Council that they had discussed artificial flowers being allowed in the cemetery. The Committee is still working on this topic. Councilmember Harper thought it was necessary to state that temporary is different from leaving artificial flowers. Discussion was also had regarding Waste Management and their new contract that will offer optional recycling services. Councilmember Ratliff has been working with Chief Mills on addressing issues within the city and creating a process for how addresses are originated.

Gary Berndt from the Rotary also came to the Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting to discuss renaming Flag Pole Park to Rotary Flag Pole Park. This would benefit both sides and the Rotary can take care of flags, benches etc. and Public Works can mow and water. They will work on an agreement for both parties.

Councilmember Harper stated that the Local Lodging Tax Committee will be busy over the next month with applications.

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Salt on City Sidewalks

The Public Works & Community Development Committee is concerned about salt being placed this winter on the new sidewalks along First Street and the damage it may cause. Discussion was had about what to use and how important it is to keep the sidewalks clear of snow. The Council would like staff to construct a mailer to be given to all business owners on First Street that encourages the use of safe products on the sidewalks so as not to cause pitting. The council will approve this mailer before it is distributed.

Request for Leak Adjustment - Orville Taylor

Councilmember Ratliff reported that the Public Works & Community Development Committee met and recommended the leak adjustment of Orville Taylor for approval. When the city was working on a sidewalk, they were not aware that the irrigation line was damaged by the forms that Public Works was working on that were near the irrigation system. Public Works did fix this issue for the homeowner. The amount of the request is \$136.51.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the request for leak adjustment from Orville Taylor in the amount of \$136.51; seconded by Councilmember Malek.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

12. Councilmember Comments - Limited to 5 Minutes

Councilmember Ratliff read a letter to the Council from a citizen regarding the recent change to the way sewer is being charged.

13. Mayor's Report

Mayor Lundh reported:

- On October 19, 2024, there will be a drug take-back station and a shred it stations available for citizens at the Senior Center.
- The Douglas Munro Memorial was well attended and it as a good ceremony.
- The AWC District Meeting in Selah was very informative and well attended.
- The Public Works Director Job has been posted and there were 8 applications submitted.
- On November 19, 2024, a Leak Detection Company will come and inspect city lines.
- Flag Pole Park has been cleaned up with the removal of two trees and the remaining trees

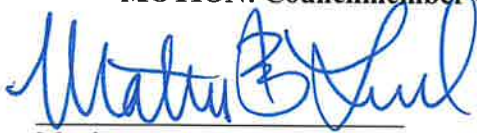
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that were limbed up.

14. Adjournment by Motion

MOTION: Councilmember Glondo made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.



Matthew Lundh, Mayor



Debbie Lee, Clerk