

**CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 19, 2024
2:00 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 (was not present during roll call)
Beth Williams - Councilmember present
Steven Harper - Councilmember present
Jerred Weis - Councilmember present
Steven Cook - Councilmember present
Audrey Malek - Councilmember present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - Clerk
Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director
Rich Albo - Police Chief via zoom

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Ratliff; seconded by Councilmember Cook.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

- a. December 19, 2024 Sign In Sheet

2. Public Comment – Limited to 5 Minutes

Phill Hess - Would like the City Engineers HLA to give their interpretation of the traffic impact that the Bullfrog Apartments will have on the City of Cle Elum. He did see the report but would like it layman terms.

Sean Northrup - States he has a willingness to come to a settlement agreement with the City. He also had concerns that the 2025 budget did not reflect any payment to City Heights.

Karl Ohlemann - Explained that he was an expert in dispute resolution and the City filing bankruptcy would have an impact on the citizens. Karl also said there were different options, and he suggested hitting the pause button and possibly creating a board of citizens to help make the decision.

Scott Gray - Resides in Roslyn but stated that the City of Cle Elum filing bankruptcy would affect them, since Roslyn has a shared police department and fire department.

Christine Heimbigner Simpson - Stated she was frustrated with the City and if the City did file

City Council Agenda December 19, 2024

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

bankruptcy they would have to reorganize. Filing would also have an impact on the City when applying for grants.

Mark Carroll - Believes there is a better solution than filing bankruptcy, possibly paying the settlement over time.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to amend the agenda moving the Stretto Services Agreement for Stoel Rives LLP from the Consent Agenda to New Business after item F. 2024 Pangrazi Nominations and add under Committee Reports COG Discussion; seconded by Councilmember Harper.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

4. Executive Session

- a. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i): To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation to which the agency is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

Mayor Lundh stated the Council would go into Executive Session for 30 minutes at 2:25 p.m. returning at 2:55 p.m.

Mayor Lundh came out of the Executive Session and stated they were extending it by 20 minutes, returning at 3:15 p.m.

Mayor Lundh came out of the Executive Session and stated they were extending it by an additional 15 minutes, returning at 3:30 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to amend the agenda by moving Item A. Resolution 2024-023 to the end of New Business; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. December 19, 2024, Payables \$964,920.99

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

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

6. New Business

City Council Agenda December 19, 2024

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

- a. Stormwater Plan Task Order No. 2023-05 Amendment No. 1 - Dean Smith HLA

This task order covers grant administration costs for the project.

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to approve the Stormwater Plan Task Order No. 2023-05 Amendment No. 1; seconded by Councilmember Harper.

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 0 no.

- b. 2025 Kittitas Co. Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Care Council Payment Agreement

This is the annual cost for Kittitas County EMS & Trauma Care for 2025 in the amount of \$12,274.00.

Note: Councilmember Ratliff was voting via zoom at 3:38 p.m.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the 2025 Kittitas County EMS & Trauma Care Contract in the amount of \$12,274.00; seconded by Councilmember Cook.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- c. Kittitas Co. Mutual Aid Agreement to Provide Call Coverage for KITTCOM - Chief Albo

Chief Albo explained that Kittcom has a shortage of 911 operators and this agreement would allow police personnel to cover shifts if they would like and be compensated. The next item on the agenda is a letter of agreement with Teamsters allowing the police staff to provide coverage if they choose.

Discussion was had about the pay amount being blank. Language was drafted to fix that issue. The City would be reimbursed by Kittcom for the wages that the police staff work.

This is the language that the Council suggested.

GFP Section

The requesting Jurisdiction herein enters into agreement with the aiding Jurisdiction to reimburse them for the paid salary and benefits of said participating employees.

The rate of pay for reimbursement shall be no greater than hour for hour, if on regular duty, straight time plus benefits per hour, and if on overtime, time and a half plus benefits by hour.

Strike the last lines from the GFP section.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the Kittitas County

City Council Agenda December 19, 2024

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

Mutual Aid Agreement to Provide Call Coverage for Kittcom with the proposed language changes listed above; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

MOTION: Councilmember Williams made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Resolution 2024-032 next so City Attorneys could be dismissed; seconded by Councilmember Cook

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

- d. Resolution 2024-032 of the City Council of the City of Cle Elum, Washington, Approving the Filing of a Chapter 9 Bankruptcy Petition and Employing Stoel Rives LLP as Bankruptcy Counsel - Mayor Lundh

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to table Resolution 2024-032; seconded by Councilmember Weis.

Poll Vote:

Councilmember Glondo - yes

Councilmember Ratliff - yes

Councilmember Williams - no

Councilmember Harper - yes

Councilmember Wies - yes

Councilmember Cook - yes

Councilmember Malek - yes

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes 1 no.

Councilmember Cook discussed the reason for tabling the Resolution, to have more time to come to an agreement.

Councilmember Harper stated he tabled the resolution because he felt there was not a strong benefit for the City to file bankruptcy.

Discussion was had about delaying the filing and going before the Council again if remedies fail. Anyone on the prevailing side can ask for a reconsideration of the tabling of the Resolution.

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to reconsider Resolution 2024-032; Seconded by Councilmember Williams.

Poll Vote:

Councilmember Glondo -no

Councilmember Ratliff - no

Councilmember Williams - yes

Councilmember Harper - no

Councilmember Weis - no

Councilmember Cook - yes

Councilmember Malek - yes

MOTION FAILED: 3 yes 4 no

City Council Agenda December 19, 2024

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

e. [Stretto Services Agreement for Stoel Rives LLP](#)

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to table the Stretto Services Agreement; seconded by Councilmember Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

f. [Letter of Agreement by and between the City of Cle Elum and Teamsters Local 760 - Chief Albo](#)

Chief Albo explained this is the agreement between the City and Teamsters regarding the Kittitas County Mutual Aid Agreement to provide Call Coverage for Kittcom.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement by and between the City of Cle Elum and Teamsters; seconded by Councilmember Cook.

MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.

g. [2024 Pangrazi Award](#)

Mayor Lundh stated that since the City did not receive any nominees for the 2024 Pangrazi Award, he thought it's best to take the runners up for the last two years and choose from them.

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to nominate Cindy Sole for the 2024 Pangrazi Award; seconded by Councilmember Williams.

MOTION: Councilmember Weis made a motion to nominate Dawn Cameron for the 2024 Pangrazi Award; seconded by Councilmember Harper.

A poll vote was taken:

Councilmember Glondo - Cindy Sole
Councilmember Ratliff - Dawn Cameron
Councilmember Williams - Cindy Sole
Councilmember Harper - Cindy Sole
Councilmember Weis - Dawn Cameron
Councilmember Cook - Dawn Cameron
Councilmember Malek - Dawn Cameron

Dawn Cameron was selected as the recipient of the 2024 Pangrazi Award and will be honored at a meeting in January.

[Cindy Sole](#)

**City Council Agenda
December 19, 2024**

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

Dawn Cameron

Andrea Baker

Marc Kirkpatrick

7. Report of Committee's

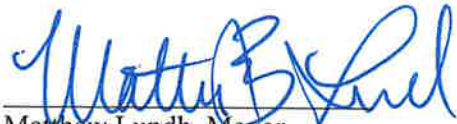
a. Update from COG Council of Governments - Council Member Cook

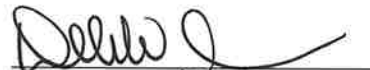
Councilmember Cook reported at yesterday evening's COG meeting. Commissioner Wright asked the members to discuss with their respective Councils and gauge their appetite for the idea of joint advocacy and pooling together to contract a firm to lobby on behalf of the County and constituent municipalities at the federal level. The topic will be discussed again at the January COG meeting, so a discussion today would at least give Councilmembers time to consider it over the holidays and prepare for more discussion at our first Council meeting of the new year.

8. Mayor's Report

9. Adjournment by Motion

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor


Debbie Lee, Clerk