

## ITEM 4A

**CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL****MINUTES****AUGUST 14, 2023****6:00 PM****119 W FIRST STREET****CLE ELUM, WA 98922****1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call****a. Sign in Sheet****Present:**

Councilmember John Glondo  
 Councilmember Beth Williams  
 Councilmember Siw Bay-Hansen  
 Councilmember Steven Harper  
 Councilmember Matthew Lundh  
 Councilmember Kenneth Ratliff  
 Councilmember Sarah Lackey

Jay McGowan- Mayor  
 Rob Omans - City Administrator  
 Debbie Lee - Clerk  
 Rich Albo - Police Chief via zoom  
 William LaRue - Veolia via zoom  
 Aaron Barr - Public Works  
 Colleda Monick - HLA  
 Mike Kenyon - Attorney  
 Ben Annen - HLA via zoom

**2. Executive Session RCW 42.30.110(1)(i):**

To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation. The anticipated duration is 50 minutes. Executive Sessions are not open to the public. Council went into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. for 50 minutes, returning at 6:55 p.m. with no decisions being

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made.

Discussion was had about making a motion to amend the agenda before Public Comment. It was decided to follow the agenda in the order presented.

### 3. Public Comment – Limited to 5 Minutes

Ken Ratliff stated he had joined the Kiwanis Club and there are two signs that are missing and would like the Council to inform the Kiwanis Club when the decision is made to re-install them, so everyone can make the decision as a group.

### 4. Announcements, Appointments, Awards & Recognition

Mayor McGowan read an email from Brock Stodden. Hi! This is Brock Stodden. I spoke with you a few weeks ago regarding Cle Elum Automotive. I was traveling with my wife and 5 daughters and my alternator went out near Cle Elum. We got in contact with Cle Elum Automotive and were happily surprised they were willing to help us that day and got us in and out within 3 hrs! They were very friendly and had such excellent service! We didn't think we were going to be able to finish our trip, but we were able to with just a short delay. What could have been a horrible situation turned out not so bad. I want to thank them and give them recognition for being very willing to help us out in this time of need. Thank you to Cle Elum Automotive and the employees!  
Brock Stodden

Mayor McGowan informed council that he attended a Fish & Wildlife meeting and one topic of discussion was the Hanson Ponds. Mayor McGowan stated it was a very informative meeting.

### 5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2023 Council Meeting
- b. 08/14/2023 Accounts Payable Vouchers \$744,314.60 - As approved by the Budget Committee
- c. 08/05/2023 Payroll Vouchers \$279,435.25 - See Report

**MOTION: Councilmember Glondo made a motion to approve the consent agenda;**

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seconded by Councilmember Williams.

**MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES: 0 no.**

### 6. Approval of Meeting Agenda

#### a. City Heights Release & Settlement Agreement

**MOTION: Councilmember Ratliff made a motion to amend the agenda as presented by adding the City Heights Release and Settlement Agreement to 6 A right after the Approval of the Meeting Agenda ; seconded by Councilmember Lundh.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

### 7. Officer Reports

#### **Rob Omans - City Administrator:**

The single year (2022) Federal Financial Audit is done. The exit conference was on Friday. This audit went extremely well and in fact the auditors found no significant recommendations to report. The only thing that the City will be doing is updating the procurement policy by adding more federal language.

The City was awarded a \$52,500 grant for a feasibility study for the Columbia Street Extension and Railroad Crossing. This grant is thru Quadco.

Chris Martin will be attending the September 11, 2023 Council Meeting to discuss the Cle Elum Ridge Fuels Mitigation Project and the work they will be doing with the \$10 million grant that they received.

City Administrator Omans and Public Works Barr will be meeting with DOT in the morning to discuss plowing on First Street. The City should have an update on this discussion by the next Council Meeting.

The City has started the ROW cleanup adjacent to the Craven property on Broadway Ave. This should be completed by tomorrow. Councilmember Harper inquired about the City being able to recoup the costs. Colleda Monick with HLA stated the City will keep track of costs and try to collect on those costs.

#### **Rich Albo - Chief of Police:**

National Night Out was a success.

The police department had two instances of use of force. There were no injuries in either case. There was also an officer involved pursuit where the driver tried to run over the officer. There were no injuries and all people involved were booked into the County Jail.

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Due to the ordinances that were passed at the last Council Meeting, all drugs are illegal in the City of Cle Elum, except for marijuana. Hopefully, this will clean up the streets and put users/dealers in jail.

Chief Albo is still looking for reserve officers. This will close on September 30, 2023.

**Aaron Barr - Public Works:**

All irrigation is now working in the city. Public Works dug up the watermain and found when they hot tapped the watermain they did not take the puck out, so it was plugging the lines.

Public Works was called out on Friday morning at 2:00 a.m. to help South Cle Elum with a water line failure.

The 900 block of East 4th Street water services have been put in correct working order.

There are several leaks in the aging cemetery irrigation system. Public Works only waters the cemetery every other day.

Public Works mechanic Dave has implemented new binders for all city vehicles for pre-trip inspections along with fuel sheets to keep better track of fuel used and in what vehicle and by who.

Public Works started on the property clean-up on Broadway.

The Mouse About event at the four-plex park seemed to go smoothly, and no clean-up was needed by Public Works.

Public Works Barr informed Council that they do have the Kiwanis Park signs and will talk to the Kiwanis group before placement.

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- a. Ed Mills - Fire Chief

- b. William LaRue - Veolia

**William LaRue - Veolia:**

Both plants have been running extremely well in the past month.

In response to Council Member Ratliff's question at last month's meeting regarding what percent of water was used by each region, a graph has been included that shows the percentage of water pumped to each zone. Going forward, this graph will be included in the monthly packet for your review.

Flows for July were up to 77.654 MG. This is an average of 2.48 mgd, the average runtime was 21.6 hours and the plant hit 24 hour a day operations twice in July.

Also, in your packets is the peak flow graph with the percentage of change year over year. This past July at 77MG was the new historical high.

The NPDES permit renewal application is 95% completed, waiting for one final lab analysis to return, then the application will be completed and ready for signature and submittal.

- c. Colleda Monick - HLA City Planner

**Colleda Monick - HLA City Planner** - Please see attached report.

**8. Public Appearances – 15-Minute Limit**

- a. Overdose Proclamation - Community Health of Central Washington - Pamela Miles

Pam Tuggle Miles reported to the Council the history of Overdose Awareness Day. Ms. Miles stated that most of all neighboring towns/cities have passed this proclamation.

**MOTION: Councilmember Ratliff made a motion to authorize and encourage the Mayor to sign the proclamation; seconded by Councilmember Lundh.**  
**MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

**9. Business Requiring Public Hearings**

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- a. Stubbs Right of Way Vacate - Public Hearing - Colleda HLA

**MOTION: Councilmember Lundh made a motion to approve the Right of Way Vacation; seconded by Councilmember Harper.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

Colleda Monick with HLA read the findings of facts, conclusions, and recommendations for the Right of Way Vacation.

Two letters of support were received and one letter of non-support was received after the comment period was closed.

Discussion was had about what the intended use would be. Monick with HLA stated that that is not the topic before council and that they are making the decision on the Right of Way Vacation. Jeff Stubbs, property owner, spoke in regards to what he intends to do with the property. A neighbor to Mr. Stubbs will also be submitting a Right of Way Vacation. The council discussed fire access, easements, cost, etc.

**10. Unfinished Business**

**11. New Business**

- a. Interlocal Agreement Between City of Cle Elum and Kittitas County for Certified Acceptance Services First Street Improvements Phase 3 - Downtown Revitalization - Ben Annen HLA

**MOTION: Councilmember Lundh made a motion to have the Mayor sign the CA Agreement changing the date to the 14th of August and initial the change; seconded by Councilmember Williams.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

Ben Annen with HLA stated that this CA Agreement with the County is beneficial for the City. The Downtown Revitalization Project is shovel ready and with a CA Agreement in place the City stands a good chance for total funding in the next round. HLA recommends Council to approve the Mayor to sign this agreement.

**12. Report of Committees**

- a. 2023 Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Lodging Tax Application 4th of July & Christmas In Cle Elum

Councilmember Harper reported to Council that the Lodging Tax Committee met earlier

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and looked over the 2023 Lodging Tax Application that was submitted by Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July and Christmas in Cle Elum. This grant can only be used for economic development. The budget presented in the application was for two firework shows, which their request was for \$17,500, which is a small increase from last year.

Mayor McGowan asked Council if they are interested in taking the 2nd meeting in August off, as has been past practice. Council discussed with everything going on that they should have the Council Meeting as regularly scheduled.

**MOTION: Councilmember Ratliff made a motion to approve Kittitas County Chamber 2023 Lodging Tax Application; seconded by Councilmember Harper.**

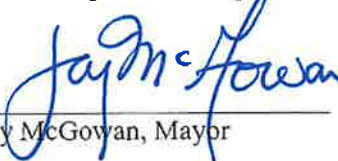
**MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

13. Adjournment by Motion

**MOTION: Councilmember Glondo made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Hansen.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 7 yes 0 no.**

**Adjourn: 8:18 p.m.**

  
Jay McGowan, Mayor

  
Debbie Lee, Clerk

