

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2025

12:00 PM

119 W FIRST STREET

CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis - present

Ken Ratliff - present

Beth Williams - present

Debbie Lee - Clerk

Ed Mills - Fire Chief

Rich Albo - Chief of Police

2. Elect Chair Person

MOTION: Committee Member Williams made a motion to nominate Ken Ratliff as the Chair of the Public Safety & Health Committee; seconded by Committee Member Buechle-Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 1 no. (Committee Member Ratliff)

3. Unfinished Business

a. Municipal Code - Addressing (fire/police)

Discussion was had about how previous addressing had been done in the City. There was no organized system. Chief Mills and Committee Member Ratliff looked at all the inconsistencies with numbering. The Committee would like to establish a standard and use it moving forward, especially with the new developments that are potentially on the horizon. The Committee will have a study session on April 9, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. with all Committee Members, Public Works, the Police Chief and the Fire Chief. They will discuss how to address Bullfrog Flats and change the actual address that absolutely needs to be corrected.

4. New Business

a. Approve the Cle Elum Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting Minutes Dated November 19, 2024

MOTION: Committee Member Williams made a motion to approve the Public Safety & Health Committee Meeting Minutes Dated November 19, 2024; seconded by Committee Member Buechle-Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

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b. Cle Elum Municipal Code Chapter 2.15 Fire Department

Discussion was had about Title 2.15 Fire Department and that it needs updating to reflect the bylaws and match the job description of the Fire Chief. The Committee will discuss this update at the next meeting.

c. Interlocal Agreement Between Kittitas County and City of Cle Elum for Fire Investigative Services - Fire Chief Mills

This Interlocal agreement will put processes in place to have the County Fire Marshall available to the City of Cle Elum. Pay and mileage are among the defined criteria. City legal needs to review this Interlocal agreement. The Committee agreed that once the City Attorney approved the Interlocal agreement they would recommend it to the Council for approval. The last investigation was in 2019. Having an agreement in place will help the insurance ratings bureau.

MOTION: Committee Member Williams made a motion to recommend this to the Council for approval once City Legal has approved this Interlocal agreement; seconded by Committee Member Buechle-Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

d. Time for Future Meetings - Ken Ratliff

Discussion was had about changing the time of the Public Safety & Health Committee meetings to 2:00 p.m. This was approved by all that were attending the meeting.

5. Other Committee Comments

Discussion was had about the special event application and how Chief Mills would like to see the committee set a number of participants that would trigger this application. The committee agreed that the Police Chief and Fire Chief were the experts in this field and the committee feels that there are other factors that would trigger this application, not just the number of attendees.

The Law & Justice Committee (Ellensburg) Roster notes that Ken Ratliff is the representative from the City of Cle Elum. Ratliff will start attending these meetings, which are held once per month.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Ken Ratliff, Chair



Debbie Lee, Clerk

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis