

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 9, 2025

2:00 PM

119 W FIRST STREET

CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Ratliff - present

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis - present

Beth Williams - present

Matthew Lundh - Mayor

Debbie Lee - Clerk

Rich Albo - Police Chief

2. Unfinished Business

3. New Business

a. Police Vehicle - Discussion

Chief Albo presented information (see attached) regarding police vehicles, their mileage, and electrical issues that some vehicles are currently experiencing. Chief Albo, in his 2025 budget, had requested some funding for a new vehicle, but that was denied. He has attached a proposal to surplus two vehicles that have transmission problems and high mileage. The repair costs for these vehicles would be more than purchasing something newer and with less mileage. There are currently two used vehicles ready for purchase with low mileage and police ready at FCI. Chief Albo would like to replace the white Ford F150 and the black explorer. Which would generate about \$18,000. If the police department did not install the mini-splits that they were planning on installing, that would allow an additional \$32,500 to be used for vehicles, with an additional \$27,000 that is in the maintenance and repair line item. This would be a total of \$77,500 that could be used to purchase the above vehicles. Chief Albo feels it is more important to have dependable police vehicles for daily use and back-up use than air conditioning at the police station.

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to recommend the Council approve Resolution 2025-011, the surplus of two police vehicles; seconded by Committee Member Williams.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

4. Other Committee Comments

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5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.


Cassidy Buechle - Curtis, Chair
Debbie Lee, Clerk