

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 28, 2025

2:00 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 - absent

Rob Omans - City Administrator

Debbie Lee - Clerk

Rich Albo - Chief of Police

Ed Mills - Fire Chief

Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director

2. Public Appearances

a. Yakima Heart Safe - Dan Mohrbacher

Dan Mohrbacher of Yakima Heart Safe gave a presentation on AED machines.

- If an AED is available within 4 minutes, it will help save a life.
- The skate park and nearby City Hall would be suggested locations for placement.
- The new AED machines can be placed outside. They have a GPS tracker and can send the location and heart information to a pulse point information system for medics.
- Once the tab is pulled, it sends a message saying an AED has been deployed.
- Lodging Tax funding can be used to help offset this cost.
- The annual cost is about \$425 per year.
- The batteries have an 8-year life.
- You are able to check the battery life via Wi-Fi cellular.
- The initial cost is \$1200 - \$1600 for the device.
- Currently, there are only 2 AED's that are registered, and they are located at the hospital.
- Fire and Police will work with EMS and Pulse Point to get other AED's registered.

The committee will talk with Steven Cook from the Lodging Tax & Events Committee and verify if lodging tax can be used for this type of purchase.

3. Unfinished Business

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a. Municipal Code - Addressing (fire/police)

The committee discussed setting another date and time for a study session. Chief Mills will send out another invite to the committee members.

b. Cle Elum Municipal Code Chapter 2.15 Fire Department

Discussion was had about updating the Cle Elum Municipal Code since a lot of the code is from 1903 and does not align with the Fire Department bi-laws.

The Committee thinks the Volunteer Fire Department needs to be a part of the City government and the Chief should report to the Mayor.

Cassidy Buechle - Curtis will start a rough draft of the code changes and bring them back to the committee for review. They will also have the city attorney approve the changes before recommending them to the council.

4. New Business

a. Public Safety & Health Meeting Minutes Dated April 16, 2025

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to approve the Public Safety & Health Meeting Minutes dated April 16, 2025; seconded by Committee Member Buechle-Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

b. Public Safety & Health Special Meeting Minutes Dated May 9, 2025

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to approve the Public Safety & Health Special Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2025; seconded by Committee Member Buechle-Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

c. Public Safety & Health Special Meeting Minutes Dated May 16, 2025

MOTION: Committee Member Ratliff made a motion to approve the Public Safety & Health Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2025; seconded by Committee Member Buechle-Curtis.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

5. Other Committee Comments

The committee discussed the citizen comments from last night's Council Meeting regarding traffic on First Street. One suggestion was adding a portable traffic light. Chief Albo stated he doesn't want to shut down ideas, but he believes that where it was suggested to be placed is too far away from downtown and the traffic will bunch up even more. Discussion was also had that a large portion of the road is owned by the Department of Transportation and any changes need to go

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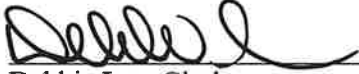
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through them. This will be added to the next Public Safety & Health Meeting agenda for further discussion.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.


Cassidy Buechle-Curtis, Chair


Debbie Lee, Clerk