

**CLE ELUM PUBLIC WORKS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

JULY 2, 2025

12:00 PM

119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Steven Cook - present

Ken Ratliff - present

Jerred Weis - present via zoom at 12:20 p.m.

Debbie Lee - Clerk

Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director

Rob Omans - City Administrator

2. Unfinished Business

a. Cemetery Code Amendment Ordinance - Mathew Bailey, Public Works Director

Rebecca Hackett, representing the citizen committee, stated that they agreed with the rules that were proposed and thanked everyone's cooperation.

Discussion was had regarding ceramics being allowed. The committee stated that they did not see a lot of ceramics in the cemetery and were more concerned with glass and breakage. They suggested adding the language to state non-breakable vessels. The rules will be posted in compliance with city signage, and for the spring clean-up, Public Works will make sure that appropriate notice is given to the public when they plan on doing the clean-up.

b. Signage at Laurel Hill Cemetery - Mathew Bailey, Public Works Director

Mathew Bailey stated that they are proposing placing two signs regarding the rules of the cemetery at the main entrance and the entrance near the Veteran's section. Public Works will follow the same design criteria for way finding signs as stated in the Cle Elum Municipal Code. The committee discussed using a QR Code that would contain a mapping system compatible with GIS. This would be a web-facing portal with a satellite view.

MOTION: Councilmember Cook made a motion to recommend the suggested signs to the Council for consideration; seconded by Councilmember Ratliff.

MOTION CARRIED: 2 yes 0 no.

c. UKC Baseball Further Discussion - UPDATE

Rob Omans informed the Council that the contracts are currently being reviewed by Curtis Chambers, the City's new attorney. The UKC Baseball is currently operating under the guidelines of the existing contract until a new agreement can be reached.

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d. **Flag Pole Park Proposal - Gary Berndt, Rotary**

Committee member Cook stated he had a hard time following the proposed agreement and was not sure what the Rotary was prepared to do.

Mathew Bailey stated that there is a known electrical deficiency in the park.

An agreement will need to be presented with clarification on what roles the Rotary will handle and which ones the City will handle. The committee also wanted to know how the Rotary Club in Ellensburg contributes to the park owned by the City of Ellensburg.

Gary Berndt will be invited to the next meeting to discuss all of these items.

3. **New Business**

a. **June 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Councilmember Weis made a motion to approve the Public Works & Community Development Meeting minutes dated June 4, 2025; seconded by Councilmember Cook.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

4. **Other Committee Comments**

- Mathew Bailey will bring the bridge project to the committee when he receives more information, probably in the fall.
- Committee Member Weis apologized for being late. He would like to propose moving the meeting time from 12:00 p.m to 8:30 a.m., as noon is a hard time since it is in the middle of the day. After discussion was held, the committee decided to change the meeting time to 8:30 a.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Discussion was had regarding the roundabout and how great it looks. They discussed that it is designed for larger trucks to maneuver, and it slows down the traffic.

5. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.


Ken Ratliff, Chair


Debbie Lee, Clerk