

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

MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2025

8:30 AM

**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

Rob Omans - City Administrator

Debbie Lee - Clerk

Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director

Audrey Casassa - Utility Billing Clerk

2. Unfinished Business

a. UKC Baseball & Softball Association Further Discussion - UPDATE

Rob Omans reported that the City Attorney had just presented the red-line version late last night. This is a new 20-year agreement.

Discussion points:

- UKC Youth Baseball & Softball Association is trying to raise revenue for projects.
- Send the red-line version to UKCYBSA so they have time to review.
- The committee discussed whether hours should be stated or whether just dawn to dusk is fine.
- Formal games usually don't start before 8:00 a.m.
- Does the city want to give the scheduling control to UKCYBSA?
- The committee would like more time to look over the document. They will give feedback to Rob, and then he will give a clean version to UKCYBSA.
- Rob will contact Max Engle and let him know a contract is coming for them to review.

b. Flag Pole Park Proposal - Gary Berndt, Rotary

Gary Berndt was unable to attend today's meeting, so this will be tabled until the next Public Works & Community Development Committee Meeting.

Rob will talk with Ellensburg regarding how they handle Rotary and the park in Ellensburg. The City of Cle Elum needs a long-term plan.

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3. New Business

- a. July 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Committee Member Cook made a motion to approve the July 2, 2025 Public Works & Community Development meeting minutes; seconded by Committee Member Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

- b. Garbage Service - Street Side Discussion/City Heights - Seth Pettigrew Waste Management

Seth Pettigrew reported that the new smart trucks take pictures, and you can't see the house numbers since the cans are in the alley. The trucks don't turn as sharp as they used to, and it is hazardous to back out of alleys. Public Works has done a good job with plowing alleys, but with recycling now being offered, this makes for an extra day of plowing. If more recycling customers that sign on Waste Management may be able to pick up garbage and recycle on the same day. They also discussed City Heights and snow removal and a central pick-up point for garbage.

Mathew Bailey asked about the alley service where there are elderly or disabled people. Seth stated that waste management would work with people on a case-by-case basis, so everyone was able to have garbage service. Discussion was also had about 6th Street Hill. Everyone agreed that they would make it work.

Steven Cook currently has an alley pick-up but would prefer the street side as he has had some issues with other people's cans near his or vehicles parked along the way.

It was agreed that Waste Management would work with city staff and create a map of alley access people needing to be moved to the street side and then look at citizens on the proposed route and look at issues and try to resolve those issues individually.

MOTION: Committee Member Cook made a motion to have the mayor and staff work out the details for changing some areas of town to street side pick up; seconded by Committee Member Weis.

MOTION CARRIED: 3 yes 0 no.

4. Other Committee Comments

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

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