

**CLE ELUM SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2026
6:00 PM
119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

City of Cle Elum Councilmembers Present:

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis
Ken Ratliff
Beth Williams via zoom
Steven Harper
Jon Cornelius
Audrey Malek
Steven Cook

City of Cle Elum Staff Present:

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Rob Omans - City Administrator
Debbie Lee - City Clerk
Ed Mills - Fire Chief
Erica Krum - Assistant City Administrator
Brian Carlson — Financial Consultant

Kittitas Fire District No. 7

Jeff Myers — Commissioner Chair
John Keffer — Commissioner Vice Chair
Eryn Micallef — District Secretary
Aaron Lowe — Fire Chief
Chad Akin — Division Chief of Training and Safety

Town of South Cle Elum Councilmembers Present

Dave Allenbaugh
Leslie Ditsworth
Judi Sandretto

Town of South Cle Elum Staff Present

James Devere — Mayor

2. Public Comment - (3 minutes per speaker)

Several members of the public provided comments and asked questions during the meeting.

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3. Discussion of Fire Service Options

See attached presentation from Kittitas County Fire District No. 7 and City of Cle Elum.

Questions asked during the public comment were answered during this time.

a. Kittitas County Fire District No. 7 Overview

b. Fire Service Funding Analysis

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.


Matthew Lundh, Mayor


Debbie Lee, Clerk