

CLE ELUM PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2026

11:30 AM

**119 W FIRST STREET
CLE ELUM, WA 98922**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Cassidy Buechle-Curtis
Beth Williams
Steven Harper

Absent:

Excused:

Staff Present:

Matthew Lundh - Mayor
Erica Krum - Assistant City Administrator
Mathew Bailey - Public Works Director
Ed Mills - Fire Chief

2. Unfinished Business

a. Municipal Code — Addressing (Fire/Police) [Legal Review Underway]

Attorneys are still reviewing and anticipate having final comments by next meeting.

b. Municipal Code — Chapter 2.15 — Fire Department [Legal Review Underway]

Attorneys are still reviewing and anticipate having final comments by next meeting.

c. Draft Graffiti Code [Legal Review Underway]

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d. E-Bikes — SSB 6610

Attached is the new state law that takes effect today. Councilmember Buechle-Curtis believes the most significant change is the clarification of the distinctions between various types of bicycles and motors. Councilmember Harper suggests that the police should become familiar with the new code and proposes a one-month period before revisiting this matter. He acknowledges that the police will prioritize education on the new bike code to the public. Councilmember Harper referenced code 10.32.020, which outlines areas where

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bicycles cannot be ridden. Councilmembers discussed the need for appropriate signage and the possibility of implementing stricter regulations than those established by state law. Councilmember Buechle-Curtis has received community comments expressing concerns about the speed of motorized bicycles, specifically regarding the potential danger posed to pedestrians by their approach. Councilmembers have developed a new code and decided to present it to legal counsel before taking it to council. Additionally, councilmembers agreed to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting to review the new law and consider any further changes. There was also a discussion about bike battery storage safety, with Chief Mills expected to provide more information on that topic at the next meeting.

e. [False Alarms — Chapter 8.13](#)

Councilmember Harper discussed that the proposed documentation is satisfactory, exhibiting clarity and readiness for submission to legal. Councilmember Williams expressed appreciation for the clear documentation regarding false alarms and the accountability measures for citizens responsible for such incidents. Committee members and Councilmembers reviewed the procedures, noting that a warning will be communicated to all department heads to prevent citizens from having to interact with multiple departments concerning false alarms, ensuring fines are applied for ongoing occurrences while staying below the minimum threshold. The next step is to forward this documentation to legal and obtain a recommendation from the Council.

3. **New Business**

a. [Cle Elum Public Safety & Health — Meeting Minutes — May 14, 2026](#)

MOTION: Councilmember Harper made a motion to adopt May 14, 2026 meeting minutes and study session minutes; seconded by Councilmember Williams.
MOTION : 3 yes 0 no.

b. [Cle Elum Public Safety & Health Study Session — Meeting Minutes — May 14, 2026](#)

Please see above for meeting minute approvals.

c. [Permanent Reschedule of Meeting for Remainder of Year](#)

The committee discussed the potential adjustment of meeting times, considering a new target day of the week for 9:00 AM meetings in order to align the schedule for the remainder of the year. It was determined that Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are the most

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suitable options for morning meetings.

4. Next Meeting Agenda Development

add EBIKE for next meeting agenda development

a. Title 6 — Animals

b. Camping and Ordinances

5. Other Committee Comments

Mayor Lundh expressed a desire to formalize and expand the Fire Advisory Committee. He intends to retain the current members and propose the addition of three new members: one citizen, one business owner, and one current member of the fire department, increasing the total membership to six, plus the chair, for a total of seven members. He suggested that the committee could meet either separately or in conjunction with the Public Safety & Health Committee meetings. Additionally, he requested that Council members vet the new applicants. A deadline for applications will be established to initiate this process. They also discussed having a special meeting in a few weeks to Tuesday, June 30th at 1pm about this topic: a review of applicants and a draft document for onboarding new committee members.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM


Cassidy Buechle - Curtis, Chair
Clerk