

City of Cle Elum
City Council Study Session Notes
November 1, 2021

Call to Order – Roll Call of Membership

The Study Session of the Cle Elum City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Roll was called. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Steven Harper, Mickey Holz, Beth Williams and Ken Ratliff . Ruston Weaver was absent. Other members present were City Administrator Rob Omans, City Treasurer Robin Newcomb, Public Works Director Mike Engelhart and City Clerk Kathi Swanson. *A motion was made by Steven Harper and seconded by Matthew Lundh to excuse Rustin Weaver, as he had provided prior notice of his absence. The motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Matthew Lundh and seconded by Beth Williams to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - Discussion of the 2022 Cle Elum Budget

Discussion:

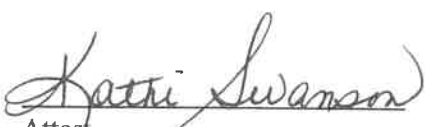
- COVID American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) money has been placed in its own fund. which can only be changed by a budget amendment. The intent is to use the money to leverage grants. It was suggested to use the money towards the water main replacement. The cost to replace the failing water tank is estimated at \$3 to \$5 million.
- REET 2 could be used to repair infrastructure.
- The Treasurer recommended not moving the Cell Tower Lease money out of the General Fund.
- The Treasurer reported there is a \$500,000 DOE loan available for water/sewer; the loan must be paid back in 10 years at 0% (\$50,000 per year).
- The full time Fire Chief Job Description includes public safety inspections.
- The Planning Salary has been reduced.
- Lodging Tax – Build the fund to allow for an event center and visitor center in WYE Park and provide for a Public Information Officer. Create a Wye Park Plan to move forward.
- Legal fees for Public Records Requests are at \$12,000 year to date.
- Create a policy for professional services contracts and controls for when budget line items are exceeded and how the council is alerted.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by John Glondo and seconded by Mickey Holtz to adjourn at 7:24. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Regular Cle Elum City Council meeting will be held on Monday November 8, 2021
6:00 pm

Mayor 


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