

City of Cle Elum
City Council Study Session Minutes
January 23, 2023

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Cle Elum City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 4:01 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Steven Harper and Siw Bay-Hansen. Sarah Lackey and Ken Ratliff joined the meeting at 5:15. Beth Williams was absent. Other members present were City Administrator Rob Omans City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Matthew Lundh and seconded by Steven Harper to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

a. **2023 City Calendars:** Mayor McGowan reported calendars would be set up on all city council electronic devices. Rob Omans has put in all council dates and holidays. Councilmembers asked to have the following added to the calendar:

- 1) Budget dates should be established to notify council members of formal budget meetings. Add the MRSC budget calendar to the council calendar as a placeholder.
- 2) Set any study sessions or special meetings on alternate Mondays.
- 3) Add the AWC events to the calendar
- 4) Add all other City Boards and Commissions meeting dates
- 5) Add Fish and Wildlife to the calendar for periodic presentations.

b. **Goals:**

- 1) Affordable housing, including ADU permitting to allow more ADUs
- 2) Complete the First Street Project
- 3) Strengthen long-term funding for Roslyn and Cle Elum for the police department. Get the full-time Police Chief position filled soon to strengthen moral. (The mayor stated the process will begin in March with the help of a human resource person to facilitate the process.
- 4) Start the process soon to get a full-time planner on board.
- 5) Start working on a resolution to push for and resolve annexations (of Suncadia and other adjacent communities), as well as mitigation of impacts of the annexations in rural county areas. Put on the ballot?
- 6) Have a joint council / planning commission meeting to determine what their goals are; specifically, the critical area ordinance. Rob Omans reminded council the Planning Commission is working on the building code for the Wildland Fire.
- 7) Add regular planning updates to the council meeting agendas, either from the City planner or the planning commission chair so council and the public will know what is being discussed.
- 8) Update the utilities, including sewer, this year. The engineers are ready and willing to work with the council.
- 9) Task some of the council committees to meet more often to discuss issues.
- 10) Review chapters of the municipal code to update them. Appoint a committee specifically for review and update of the code.
- 11) The fire department is gathering information on building floor plans.
- 12) Finish the Mayor / Councilmember handbook.

- 13) Civil service commission should always meet at City Hall council Chamber and should be on the air and recorded.
- 14) The Fire Department should review their mutual aid agreements to possibly include District 7.
- 15) Repair the water tower, put up a new water tower and increase water storage capacity.
- 16) Reach out to other entities to find out if they can lay their fiber in the same ditches as the water and sewer lines in conjunction with those projects.
- 17) Have a conversation with the Horse Park regarding finding a way to get internet connectivity to that location and put in a proper distribution system.
- 18) Review franchise agreements, with a nominal fee included, for any new providers. Currently, franchise holders pay for the cost of writing the agreement. (Rob Omans will discuss this with the contract planner and insure it is beneficial for the city and its citizens).
- 19) Request that the Horse Park give an update presentation to council on a periodic basis.
- 20) The cemetery needs the irrigation system updated.
- 21) Build more hangars at the airport, which will bring in more federal funding as more planes are registered as being stored there. (Tome Dent is working on this process).
- 22) **PRIORITIZE THESE GOALS.**

Motion to Adjourn

Mayor McGowan adjourned the study session at 5:32 pm.



Mayor



Attest