



**CITY OF ELLENSBURG**

**Date of Meeting**

**Time of Meeting**

**Place of Meeting**

**Minutes of City Council, Regular Meeting**

**February 16, 2021**

**7:00 PM**

**Held Remotely per Governor Inslee's Proclamation**

**20-28.15, extended by Senate Concurrent**

**Resolution 8402**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Roll Call Present: Stacey Engel, Nancy Goodloe, Tristen Lamb, Nancy Lillquist, David Miller, Mary Morgan, Bruce Tabb

Also Present: City Manager Akers; City Attorney Weiner; City Clerk Leader; Executive Assistant Gigstead; Finance Director Pascoe; Public Works & Utilities Director Lyyski; Kittitas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Larson; EBDA Representatives: Margaret Reich, Linda Schactler, James Jankowski and Jared Vallejo and approximately 95 members of the public

**2. Proclamations**

**3. Awards and Recognitions**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Stacey Engel moved to Approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

**5. Consent Agenda**

5.A. Approve Minutes of the February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting

5.B. Acknowledge Minutes of the Affordable Housing Commission - December 2, 2020

5.C. Acknowledge Minutes of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - January 6, 2021

5.D. Acknowledge Minutes of the Planning Commission - December 3, 2020

5.E. Accept Resignation of DaJon DeMille, Parks and Recreation Commission.

5.F. Business Education and Outreach Effectiveness Study Agreement with Osborn Consulting

5.G. Bid Call 2020-33 - Bull Road Utility Extension Project

5.H. Approve February 16, 2021 Voucher Listing

Councilmember Mary Morgan moved to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

**6. Petitions, Protests, and Communications**

6.A. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Larson was present and gave an update on the South Central Region moving into phase two and on vaccinations for Kittitas County.

6.B. Board and Commission Applications

Gwen Budnik introduced herself and spoke on her interest in serving on the Arts Commission.

Sara Omrani introduced herself and spoke on her interest in serving on the Arts Commission.

Nate Sitton introduced himself and spoke on his interest in serving on the Utility Advisory Committee.

Zane Kanyer introduced himself and spoke on his interest in serving on the Landmarks and Design Committee.

The Mayor contacted applicant Fiona Comer and she stated she was willing to serve on the Parks and Rec commission, which was her second choice.

Council discussed the Arts Commission vacancy and advertisement of the Parks and Recreation vacant position.

Councilmember Nancy Lillquist moved to Approve appoint Zane Kanyer to the Landmarks & Design Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Councilmember David Miller moved to Approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Nate Sitton to the Utility Advisory Committee. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

6.C. CenterFuse (EBDA) Update

James Jankowski, in addition to Linda Schactler and Jared Vallejo gave an update on the EBDA/CenterFuse future objectives. Linda Schactler spoke regarding the Broadband Feasibility Study. Jared Vallejo spoke regarding the proposed Marketing Campaign.

**7. Citizen Comment on Non-agenda Issues**

Josh Naples, 21108 75<sup>th</sup> Ave E., Lake Taps, WA, spoke regarding the IBEW Union and opportunities provided to members.

Paula McMinn, 2000 N Alder St., a citizen activist and representing the Kittitas County Climate Action Consortium, spoke regarding the environment and energy resources.

Crystal Rhodes, 3291 Core Dr., Medford OR, spoke regarding her support of the Ellensburg linemen.

Shane Schrader, 5971 #6 Rd, spoke regarding his support of the Ellensburg linemen.

Bob Carson, W. Creeksedge Way, spoke regarding compensation in the workforce.

Amanda Ring, 307 E 28th Ave, spoke regarding her support of the Ellensburg linemen.

Jeffery Kesler, 310 N Kalley St, Moses Lake WA, spoke regarding his support of the Ellensburg linemen.

The Mayor made a statement on behalf of the City regarding the issue.

## **8. Business Requiring Public Hearings**

## **9. Introduction and Adoption of Ordinances and Resolutions**

9.A. Second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4870 authorizing the issuance of 2021 Waterworks Utility System Bonds

Finance Director, Jerica Pascoe, presented information in the staff report.

Councilmember Nancy Lillquist moved to Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance 4870 for issuance of 2021 Waterworks Utility System Bonds. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

9.B. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission - Ordinance for first reading consideration  
The City Manager presented information to Council.

Councilmember Nancy Lillquist moved to Approve conducting first reading of Ordinance 4871 for creation of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission.

Councilmember Nancy Lillquist moved to Amend language in Ordinance Section 1.88.020(a) to include a residency requirement that members are to reside in Ellensburg at least one year. **Motion Failed 3-4 with Engel, Lamb, Miller and Morgan voting no.**

Councilmember Stacey Engel moved to Amend the Ordinance language in Section 1.88.020(a) to include in the last sentence "...and all members must be Kittitas County residents". **Motion Approved 7-0.**

Approval of motion as amended. **Motion Approved 7-0.**

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**10. Unfinished Business**

**11. New Business**

**12. Miscellaneous**

12.A. Manager's Report

The City Manager reviewed the Manager's Report. He explained an Executive Session was needed per RCW 42.30.140.

12.B. Councilmembers' Reports

- Councilmember Engel reported the Parks & Recreation survey is still open for naming the downtown park;
- Councilmember Lamb reported the Public Library has re-opened;
- Mayor Tabb reported on the Public Transit Advisory Committee.

**13. Executive Session**

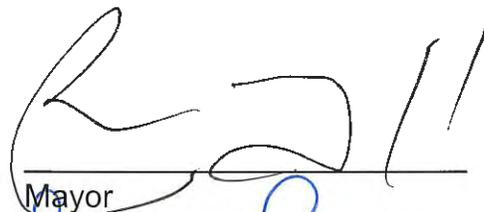
13.A. Per RCW 42.30.140, to consider collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement.

Council recessed to Executive Session and began discussion at 9:16 pm.

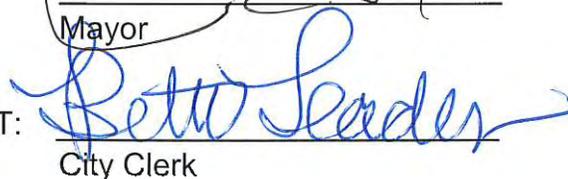
Council reconvened at 9:26 pm.

**14. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk