

Ellensburg City Council wants Ellensburg to be a place where creating and maintaining an environment that respects diverse traditions, heritages, and experiences is valued, giving everyone the opportunity to flourish.

This is why the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity initiative is so important.

...and there's more!

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Visit us in person at
City Hall, 501 N. Anderson Street

Welcome to Ellensburg!

THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY



CITY STRUCTURE

The City of Ellensburg is governed by an elected seven-member city council.

Members of city council are elected by the people of Ellensburg, are non-partisan (no political party affiliation), and when elected they serve a four-year term.

Members of the city council appoint a Mayor and a Mayor Pro Tempore every two years. The role of the Mayor is to conduct the twice a month city council meetings. In the event that the Mayor is unable to attend, the Mayor Pro Tempore serves as Mayor.

City council makes policy decisions and adopts legislation for the city. Council hires a professional city manager to carry out the policies the council develops.



The city manager is the Chief Executive Officer of the city and is responsible for implementing the policies set by council, providing leadership and oversight of city staff, submitting a proposed budget to council, and performing other duties directed by ordinance.

Departments within the city include: Police, Parks, Library, Finance, Human Resources, Administration, and Public Works & Utilities.

The city employs about 160 people year round (not including temporary/seasonal workers) and has an annual budget of \$86.4 million.

CITY SERVICES

The **Finance** staff handle the start/stop of city utilities including electric, natural gas, sewer/water, stormwater and fiber optics. They mail out monthly billing statements and manage all financial services and budgeting for the city.

Get involved with city government! Apply to be a member of one of 14 **volunteer boards and commissions** ranging from affordable housing to library board to planning commission.

Looking to remodel your home? Visit the Building Division of **Community Development** online for information about the city's permitting process.

Is there a furry friend in your home? You can get a pet license online. Click on **Animal Control**, part of the Police Department, on the the city's webpage.

There is so much to do in Ellensburg! **Parks** has programming available for all ages and several facilities to meet individual interests. The Ellensburg **Library** offers lectures, reading programs and more! Stop by for a visit.

Is there a power outage or a natural gas leak? Is there a dead tree in your yard that you want to remove? Talk with our staff in **Public Works and Utilities**.

(509) 962-7204



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Ellensburg is growing. More people call our city home than ever. We see more pressure for affordable housing, livable wage jobs, and an infrastructure – from roads to utilities and open spaces – that supports this growth. We also know that as we grow, certain groups of people continue to feel excluded. Historical inequities are illuminated. We are listening to and acting on behalf of our residents to create a more equitable, just and safe community – one where all citizens know they belong and are welcome.

The City of Ellensburg values Inclusion, Diversity and Equity, and embarked on an initiative to affirm all are welcome here. The initiative has three key foundational pillars:

- 1. Ellensburg cares.**
We are a community that cares for one another, and as such we want all people to feel a sense of belonging in this community.
- 2. There are long standing concerns about the treatment of people based on how they look, speak or act, not by whom they are as a person.**
We are making history. We are embracing a future that sees diversity in Ellensburg – be that age, skin color, gender identity, religion, disability – as what makes us stronger.
- 3. We can do better.**
Working together, all who live in Ellensburg today, and in the future, will have access to what they need to reach their full potential.