

City of Cle Elum
Special City Council Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Cle Elum City Council was called to order by Mayor McGowan at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members present were Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, Steven Harper, Siw Bay-Hansen, Beth Williams, Siw Bay-Hansen and Ken Ratliff. Other members present were City Administrator Rob Omans, City Treasurer Robin Newcomb and City Clerk Kathi Swanson.

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.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2022-011 – Employee Handbook Amendment (Juneteenth): Mayor McGowan read Resolution 2022-011 into the record. *A motion was made by Matthew Lundh to adopt Resolution 2022-011 with the amendment to remove the additional line on page 27 “Should state law be amended to mandate any additional holidays, then this section would be amended accordingly”. The motion was seconded by Steven Harper for discussion. At the suggestion of Councilmember Harper, Councilmember Lundh withdrew his motion for discussion. Councilmember Harper motioned to adopt Resolution 2022-011 with the amendment to Paragraph 5, which would read WHEREAS, while over 155 years have passed since chattel slavery was officially ended in the United States, slavery has left a catastrophic legacy of trauma for generations of Black Americans” removing the phrase “and unrelenting”; and the amendment to the 6th paragraph to read “ WHEREAS, our country continues to struggle with dismantling discriminatory systems; and”, removing the phrases “and our city” and “and structural racism. The motion was seconded by Ken Ratliff. Discussion on the motion: Council members discussed whether our city has issues with racism. The vote was called. The motion passed by a vote of 4 ayes to 1 nay.*

Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Matthew Lundh to adjourn at 2:25. The motion carried unanimously.

The next Regular Cle Elum City Council meeting will be held on Monday June 27, 2022 – 6:00 pm



Mayor



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