

CLE ELUM CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 19, 2022
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1. Members Present:

Mayor McGowan, Matthew Lundh, John Glondo, Steven Harper and Siw Bay-Hansen. Also present: Gary Berndt and Kathi Swanson.

2. Unfinished Business:

a. Review and Discussion of the Draft Mayor/Councilmember Handbook.

Discussion By Council:

Chapters 6.03 and 6.04 were removed and put into the handbook as an attachment. The Committee commented there are certain breaches of ethics that do not disqualify a councilmember or mayor but should. This committee would like to make this change in the handbook. The committee members held a hearty discussion regarding due cause. An accuser must have good information to be able to prove a breach of ethics or the law. If a councilmember makes an unfounded accusation, or is not true, it is a breach of ethics in and of itself. Therefore, by making the ethics chapter stricter, council is policing themselves. Bringing something to light that is a breach of ethics, but was unintentional, also allows the accused to publicly apologize and explain.

Gary Berndt will provide an updated version of the draft councilmember handbook, based on what was discussed at this meeting.

Councilmember Harper commented it is time to bring this updated draft of the handbook to a public session.

3. Adjournment:

The Study Session adjourned at 5:50 pm.



Mayor



Attest