

Ely City Council Public Hearing, January 18, 2011

The Ely City Council Public Hearing was called to order by Acting Mayor Omerza at 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2010 at the Ely City Hall.

PRESENT: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Sheddy, and Zupec (6)

ABSENT: Mayor Skraba (arrived at 5:04 p.m.)

Also present: Ely Utilities Commission members Wilmunen, Colarich, Zahn, Boyles and Soderberg

The purpose of the meeting was to gather public input on proposed rate increases for the Ely water, sewer and electric.

Chair Wilmunen explained the purpose of the Commission and their responsibility to operate and maintain the water, sewer and electric utilities. He discussed the budget process the commission uses to determinate rates each year. He explained that over the past few years these enterprise funds are now operating at the breakeven point and the due to/due from amounts have been paid in full.

The proposed rate increases are as follows: Electric 4%; Water from \$2.75 to \$3.30 per 100 cf; Sewer from \$6.00 to \$6.15 per 100 cf.

Bill Erzar, Ely Carwash and Laundromat reviewed how the proposed rate increases will affect his business.

Kerry Mathias, Dee's Bar questioned what the city is doing to save money and cut operating expenses.

The hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m..

Terri Boese
Clerk/Treasurer