

Ely City Council Regular Meeting January 4, 2011

Clerk Boese conducted the Oath of Office to Mayor Skraba and Council members Nikkola, Omerza and Shedly.

The Ely City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:01 p.m. on January 4, 2011 at the Ely City Hall.

PRESENT: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Shedly, Zupec and Mayor Skraba (7)

Moved by Salerno supported by Nikkola to approve minutes of December 21, 2010 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The council thanked Director Langowski and the public works staff members for the continued efforts in removing snow and keeping streets and sidewalks cleaned.

#### ADDITION TO AGENDA

Moved by Salerno supported by Debeltz to add Daniel Bliss as request to appear on the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Skraba reported that the Fire Committee members and Fire Chief Erchull are invited to attend a meeting with Stoney River Township on January 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss fire protection.

Dan Waters of Canadian Waters requested council support to changes in the current unemployment compensation law with state legislatures. Moved by Nikkola supported by Debeltz to send a letter supporting changes to the unemployment compensation law to the legislature. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept \$128,000 IRR Grant for demolition of Water Plant building
- B. Accept \$\$6,000 MN Historical Society Grant through Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund for Ely Greenstone Public Art Committee
- C. Call for sealed bids for legal newspaper 2011
- D. Approve option 'Not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by MN Statutes 466.04

Moved by Debeltz supported by Zupec to approve consent agenda items A-D as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### REQUESTS TO APPEAR

Daniel Bliss presented a synopsis of his thesis regarding economic development policy within government and between governments. He conducted a 4-year research study of economies in Ely and Hibbing, MN and Sterling and Rock Falls, IL. He will provide copies of the study to each town's libraries when published and agreed to provide the council with an overview report when completed. The council thanked Daniel for his work and for selecting Ely as a case study.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moved by Omerza supported by Nikkola to authorize Mayor Skraba to send an invitation to the new DNR Commissioner to meet with the Ely City Council. Council member Zupec requested the discussion include School Trust property being under local control. Motion carried unanimously.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Clerk-Treasurer

Moved by Debeltz supported by Zupec to designate Boundary Waters Bank, Queen City Federal and Wells Fargo Bank as official depositories for 2011. Motion carried with Omerza abstaining.

The council authorized Clerk Boese to investigate the possibility of relocating the polling location for the 2012 elections to the Ely Senior Center.

Library Director

??? Proud of the library and staff

City Operations Director

EUC Consent Agenda Items:

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The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, December 22 2010:

1. Authorize Dan Armstrong to attend the MPCA Collection System Operators Conference in Brooklyn Park on January 26-28 2011
2. Approved payment of December 7<sup>th</sup> bills payable for \$55,648.44 and December 21<sup>st</sup> bills payable for \$263,425.26

Moved by Debeltz supported by Zupec to approve EUC Consent Agenda Items 1 & 2 as presented above. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Langowski reported that he and Mayor Skraba would be making a presentation for CDBG funding along with City Engineer Maninga on January 6<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Iron.

Police Chief

The council reviewed the ruling received regarding the canine court case.

City Attorney

The council reviewed the following information items from Attorney Klun:

- A. Update on Korpi trust
- B. Klun Law Firm 2011 contract
- C. USFS complex annexation

No action was taken on the above items.

City Engineer

Daryl Maninga presented and update on the Central Avenue project.

COMMUNICATIONS

The council reviewed the following communication items and did not approve payment of item D.

- A. Invitation from Mayor Coleman to the Mayors Reception at the St Paul Winter Carnival
- B. Notification of IRR 2011 Cultural & Tourism Grant award to the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$10,000
- C. LMCIT 2010 property/casualty dividend received \$27,188
- D. MN Association of Small Cities 2011 membership dues notice \$900.33

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

- A. City and EUC claims for December, 2010 for \$49,533.16 and January , 2011 for \$69,915.66
- B. RLK, Engine house demo, Invoice #11 \$341.25
- C. RLK, Central Ave improvements, Invoice #13 \$3,292.50
- D. RAMS 2011 Membership Dues \$700.00
- E. Wells Fargo, Street/Equipment Bond \$26,936.36
- F. Northland Trust Services, GO Tax Increment Refunding Bond Series 2005A \$30,322.50
- G. CGMC 2011 Membership Dues, \$5,108.00

Moved by Sheddy supported by Nikkola to approve payment of claims A-G as listed above. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Salerno supported by Debeltz to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Nikkola supported by Salerno to approve revisions to the Joint Powers Agreement with Lake County as presented with approval by the city attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Debeltz supported by Zupec to approve the Ely Winter Fest request for city support as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Debeltz supported by Zupec to accept the Ely-Winton Rod & Gun Club donation of \$300 for area youth and to send a letter of thanks. Motion carried unanimously.

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Moved by Salerno supported by Sheddy to approve 2011 soft drink licenses for Dee's Bar and Beaver's Liquor and the cigarette license for Beaver's liquor as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Debeltz supported by Salerno to approve the 2011 LMCIT worker's compensation coverage, regular premium option of \$66,128 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Debeltz supported by Salerno to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Boese  
City Clerk/Treasurer