

Council Chambers  
Ely, Minnesota  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
7:00 P.M. Emergency Meeting  
Ely City Council

An emergency meeting of the Ely City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Roger Skraba on Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

PRESENT: Council members Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Sheddy, Mayor Skraba (5)  
ABSENT: Council members Debeltz, Zupec (2)

The emergency meeting of the Ely City council was convened pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 714.705, subd. 1b; 13D.05, subd. 2(b); 13.43, subd. 2(4) . The emergency meeting was called because of circumstances that, in the judgment of the Ely City Council, require immediate consideration by the Council, regarding preliminary consideration of allegations against an individual subject to the Council's authority.

The meeting was closed at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting was reopened at 8:19 p.m.

Motion by Nikkola supported by Sheddy to place Deputy Clerk, Patti Wellvang on unpaid leave of absence pending the outcome of the investigation of allegations of misappropriation of public funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Salerno supported by Nikkola to appoint Mayor Skraba as the designated spokesperson for this matter. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Skraba read the following statement:

'This is a difficult situation for city staff and the community. We are looking into matters and are conducting an official investigation. We are not able to discuss events in much detail because much of the information is private. We are still trying to sort out the public and private data. When the investigation is complete, we will share what we can. In the meantime, we have asked Mayor Roger Skraba to serve as our spokesperson in this situation. Please refer your calls to 218-235-8249. Thank you for your patience as we get through this difficult situation.

Motion by Salerno supported by Nikkola to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Boese  
Clerk/Treasurer