

## Ely City Council Special Meeting December 22, 2009

The Ely City Council special meeting was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:00 p.m. on December 22, 2009 at the Ely City Hall.

PRESENT: Debeltz, Nikkola, Salerno, Sheddy, Zupec, and Mayor Skraba (6)

ABSENT: Omerza (1)

The purpose of the meeting was to gather input from the public on the city's 2010 budgets and the proposed 2010 general fund levy.

### 2010 General Fund Budget –Levy Certification

Glenn and JoAnn Biebl owners of the Cobweb requested the council review the valuation of their buildings. Clerk Boese stated the Board of Adjustment hearing held in the spring would be the time to request re-evaluation and suggested they attend that meeting.

Dan Johnson, Roger and Deb Murawski of the Ely Motel Association spoke to the council regarding the inequities in property taxes between commercial and residential rates. They also discussed snowplowing and differences in the city between commercial and residential. The group requested the council find ways to cut the budget but not the police or fire departments.

Moved by Salerno supported by Zupec to pass resolution adopting the 2010 levy as follows:

WHEREAS, the city of Ely is required by Minnesota Law to adopt a final levy for 2010, and to certify it to the St Louis County Auditor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ely City Council adopts and approves the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2010, upon taxable property in the City of Ely, for the following purposes:

General Fund	\$ 921,214
Library	238,500
2008 Unallotment for LGA/MVHC	133,480
Debt Service	<u>\$ 168,031</u>
Total Levy	\$1,461,225

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Ely City Clerk/Treasurer is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor of St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Roll call: Debeltz-yes; Nikkola-yes; Salerno-yes; Sheddy-yes; Zupec-yes; Mayor Skraba-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**2010 EEDA Budget** – Discussion and adoption of the 2010 EEDA budget was moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> regular EEDA meeting in January, 2010.

**2010 Ely TV Budget & Contract** - Moved by Salerno supported by Zupec to extend the payment schedule for Ely TV through January 2010. The Telecommunications Advisory Board will address the payment schedule and 2010 budget at their regular meeting in January for approval by the council in February 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**2010 Supervisors of Other Than Essential Employees Agreement** – The union contract will be presented for council approval at the January 5, 2010 meeting.

Moved by Nikkola supported by Zupec to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Boese, Clerk/Treasurer