

Minutes
January 24, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Reconvened meeting of the Ely City Council from January 17, 2012 – Council Chambers, Ely City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Ely City Council Reconvened Regular Meeting from January 17, 2012 was called to order by Acting Mayor Debeltz at 6:03 p.m. on January 24, 2012 at the Ely City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Council members Nikkola, Omerza, Sheddy, Zupec and Acting Mayor Debeltz

3. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:

- A. Addition – New Business – Old Pamida Building
- B. Addition 5A - Library Clerk resignation letter
- C. Addition 6A – Deputy Clerk Resolution

Nikkola/Omerza moved approval of Additions A-C. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda. Omerza/Nikkola moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Library Director:

- A. Nikkola/Omerza moved approval to accept Library Clerk, Mary Parks' resignation letter and to send her a Thank you note for years of service. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Heinrich expressed her concern of her upcoming vacation in February in regards to the pending employee strike. Council members were in support of her continuing with her plans.
- C. Library Board meets Friday, January 27, 2012.

6. City Attorney:

- A. Nikkola/Omerza moved Approval of the Resolution appointing Claire Huisman, Deputy Clerk.

Resolution Appointing Deputy City Clerk

WHEREAS, the Ely City Council has the authority to appoint a Deputy City Clerk pursuant to Section 2.10 of the Ely City Code; and

WHEREAS, Terri Boese, the current Clerk-Treasurer, is resigning from her position effective January 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS, there will be a vacancy in the position of Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Ely; and

WHEREAS, the Ely City Council wishes to appoint Claire Huisman as Deputy City Clerk and she has agreed to serve in that role;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota does hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. Claire Huisman is hereby appointed Deputy City Clerk of the City of Ely, effective January 27, 2012.

Section 2. Claire Huisman agrees to perform the job duties of Deputy City Clerk for additional compensation; including an hourly wage increase from \$18.50 to \$19.75 per hour and overtime pay at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times her hourly wage after forty (40) hours of work per week.

Section 3. Pursuant to the Clerical Assistant job description, once deputized, Claire Huisman will also carry out other ongoing and temporary clerk duties including signing checks and contracts and other instruments and documents pursuant to Ely City Code Section 2.08 Subd. 5.

Section 4. Additionally, Claire Huisman shall continue to perform the duties of Clerical Assistant.

Section 5. Appointment to Deputy City Clerk shall not require Claire Huisman be responsible for the statutory treasurer duties.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Roll Called: Nikkola=yes, Omerza=yes, Sheddy=yes, Zupec=yes and Acting Mayor Debeltz=yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Omerza/Nikkola moved approval to close the meeting tonight to discuss union strategies.
7. New Business
- A. Approve extending due date for accepting applications for Committee Appointments through February 6, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. Sheddy/Omerza moved approval for all committees except the Charter Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Zupec/Nikkola moved approval of the three letters of application for the Charter Commission and to submit these letters to the Charter Commission. Motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Discussion ensued on limiting hours and facility reservations in case of a strike for the City Clerk's Office and the Library/Community Center. New hours were not set at this time.
 - D. Council member Zupec discussed the Old Pamida building demolition project and the concerns with the retaining walls. Harold stated he is in contact with the owners to discuss this situation.

8. Open Forum
- Council member Omerza thanked Clerk/Treasurer Terri Boese for her years of service to the City and stated that because of Terri the City is in a better place than when she started.

Meeting was recessed at 6:28 p.m and reconvened at 6:38 p.m.

Attorney Klun discussed the strike information and setting up a strike committee.

Nikkola/Zupec moved approval to recess the meeting at 6:39 p.m. until January 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Claire Huisman
Deputy Clerk