

Minutes  
January 31, 2012 6:00 p.m.  
Study Session Meeting – Council Chambers, Ely City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Ely City Council Study Session was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:00 p.m. on January 31, 2012 at the Ely City Hall.

Present: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Sheddy and Mayor Skraba

Absent: Council member Zupec

II. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

A. Addition (VA) – Request to use Whiteside Park

Debeltz/Nikkola moved approval of the Addition to the agenda. Motion carried

III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2012 Council Goals were discussed, such as:

- i. 1% Sales Tax for the City to be discussed with Legislature
- ii. Work with Legislature on ways to fund the city
- iii. Fire District
- iv. Sale of City Buildings
- v. Establish a bonding project
- vi. Hwy 169 Project

B. Council members discussed the usefulness of the various Committees, Commissions and Boards to possibly eliminate some that are not being used for their initial purpose and no longer needed at this time. No definite eliminations were made. The Police Commission will be invited to the February Study Session to discuss with the members how they feel regarding their Commission.

C. Discussion ensued on the Clerk/Treasurer position replacement on whether to hire a Clerk/Treasurer, Administrator or City Manager. It was decided that in the interim they are looking for someone who has Clerk experience and Election experience. Council member Nikkola stated that they will be following the hiring policy of the City.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

A. There is a request to use Whiteside Park on February 29, 2012 for a family dog sledding event from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The issues discussed were: no dogs are allowed in the park, if the City allows this event with dogs then should dogs be allowed at the Blueberry Festival, how many dogs will there be, what size area of the park do they need, are they covered by liability insurance and do they need an interim use permit. This will be brought to the next Council meeting on February 6, 2012 for further discussion and action.

V. OPEN FORUM:

Discussion ensued with the audience on the fairness of renting the park space & its buildings for a fee.

VI. ADJOURN:

Sheddy/Omerza moved approval to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Claire Huisman  
Deputy Clerk