

Regular Council Meeting, February 21, 2012

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Ely City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:05 p.m. on February 21, 2012 at the Ely City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Salerno, Sheddy, Zupec and Mayor Skraba (7)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Approve the minutes from February 6, 2012 regular Council Meeting as presented. Debeltz/Zupec moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:

- A. Delete 5.A.
 - B. Addition 9.B.ii. - Request to keep fire fighter & 1st responder applications open
 - C. Addition 9.B.iii. - Request to hire 1st responders to take place of inactive ones
 - D. Addition 9.D.iv – Old Clinic & Pamida building demolition bids
 - E. Addition 9.D.v – Sewer Right of Way – Outlot B
 - F. Addition 10.B. - Correspondence from Marshall Helmberger
- Zupec/Debeltz moved approval of the Additions & Omission A-F. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- A. Recognize Linda Fryer for receiving the Friend of Tourism Award: This item was deleted and moved to next council meeting on March 6, 2012.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda. Salerno/Zupec moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Approve Council and staff to attend the Board of Appeal & Equalization training Tuesday, March 27th from 6-9 p.m. at the Cotton Community Center. Zupec/Debeltz moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Committee Minutes
- B. Council member Omerza presented information from the 2012 CGMC Legislative Day which she and Mayor Skraba attended on February 8th. She also attended the League Board Meeting.
- C. Mayor Skraba attended the Energy Symposium held at the VCC on February 9th which was filmed in its entirety by Council member Sheddy to be viewed on Ely TV at a later date.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- A. Clerk-Treasurer
- B. Fire Chief
 - i. Approve Fire Fighters to attend State Fire School. Salerno/Debeltz moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Debeltz/Salerno moved approval of the request by the Fire Chief to keep the fire fighter & 1st responder applications open. Motion carried unanimously.

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Zupec/Sheddy moved approval of the request by the Fire Chief to hire 1st responders to take the place of the inactive ones. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Library Director

D. Operations Director

- i. The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, February 8, 2012:
 1. Approved payment of the Minnesota Rural Water membership for \$235.00.
 2. Authorized Harold Langowski and Steve Krtinich to attend the MPCA Operators Conference on March 21-23, 2012 in Brooklyn Park.
 3. Approved payment of DSG Invoice #7100684 for \$89,362.85 for the Burntside Power Line Project.
 4. Approved payment of KBM Invoice #121134 for \$7,739.83 for the Burntside Power Line.
 5. Approved payment of the December Bills List for \$845,418.96 and the January Bills List for \$199,353.71.
 6. Approved payment of Dig America Invoice #1125-02 for \$193,161.98.

Nikkola/Salerno moved approval of the EUC Consent Agenda items 1-6 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- ii. DNR request to conduct watercraft inspections and decontaminations at area accesses. Nikkola/Salerno moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.
- iii. Compass Rose proposal for Ely to apply for the PBEEEP program sponsored by the MN Dept of Commerce. Under this program, they will provide asset management on City Facilities such as: City Hall, Community Center, Airport buildings and waste water treatment plant to determine their energy efficiency and offer suggestions for energy improvements. Debeltz/Nikkola moved approval of this program. Motion carried unanimously.
- iv. Nikkola/Salerno moved approval by resolution to accept the low bid of \$52,900 from Blue Earth Environmental Co. for Project#11-563-demolition of the Old Clinic building.
Roll called: Debeltz-yes, Nikkola-yes, Omerza-yes, Salerno-yes, Sheddy-yes, Zupec-yes and Mayor Skraba-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Nikkola/Salerno moved approval by resolution to accept the low bid of \$49,200 from Blue Earth Environmental Co. for Project #11-564-demolition of the Pamida building.
Roll called: Debeltz-yes, Nikkola-yes, Omerza-yes, Salerno-yes, Sheddy-yes, Zupec-yes and Mayor Skraba-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- v. Nikkola/Salerno moved to authorize the release of the blanket easement on Lots 1 & 2 of Outlot B of Zaverl's Fifth Addition within the Echo Property Plat (New Pamida Building). Motion carried unanimously.

E. Police Chief

- i. Debeltz/Sheddy moved approval to allow Chief Lahtonen to continue his administrative work during his convalescing period after his surgery while not in uniform. Motion carried unanimously.

Nikkola/Debeltz moved approval to post internally for the Police Officer position until February 29, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

F. City Attorney

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- i. Lake County Pole & Franchise Agreements will be reviewed at the next Telecommunications Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 4:00pm and then presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

G. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Debeltz/Salerno moved approval for the City to work with the Garden Club to help them acquire the additional assistance they need for their projects. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. City and EUC claims for February, 2012 - \$726,910.55.
Salerno/Debeltz moved approval of Claims for Payment A as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis Schilling, Ely Building Inspector gave an update on the new rental license applications and inspections. Mayor Skraba suggested a loan program through the city that would help the property owners fund the renovations needed on their rental buildings to bring them up to code.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approve bid from the Ely Echo for 2012 legal publications. Nikkola/Debeltz moved approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve Resolution accepting Council member Frank Salerno's resignation and acknowledging a council seat vacancy. Debeltz/Nikkola moved approval.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF A COUNCIL MEMBER

WHEREAS, the City of Ely is a Municipal Corporation governed under the Charter of the City of Ely with powers vested in its City Council;

WHEREAS, the City of Ely accepts the resignation of Council member Frank Salerno effective February 29, 2012 and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ely acknowledges that a Council seat is vacant and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution.

Roll called: Debeltz-yes, Nikkola-yes, Omerza-yes, Salerno-yes, Sheddy-yes, Zupec-yes and Mayor Skraba-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve the Tentative Agreement between AFSCME Union Local #1490 employees and the City of Ely. The terms include a 1% pay raise beginning Mar 1, 2012 and a 2% pay raise on Jan1, 2013. Monthly insurance deductions from the employee include \$45/single plan and \$90/family plan. Half of the health plan's deductible will be placed in an HSA (\$1,250/single, \$2,500/family) or HRA (\$150/single, \$450/family) depending on which plan the employee has chosen for the first year and then half again of that deductible for the second year HSA (\$625/single, \$1,250/family) or HRA (\$75/single, \$225/family). Nikkola/Omerza moved approval. Roll called: Debeltz-yes, Nikkola-yes, Omerza-yes, Salerno-yes, Sheddy-yes, Zupec-abstained and Mayor Skraba-yes. Motion carried 6-1 in favor.

14. OPEN FORUM:

15. ADJOURN:

Nikkola/Salerno moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Claire Huisman
Deputy Clerk