

## **Ely City Council Public Hearing Minutes – May 29, 2012**

The Ely City Council Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 5:30 p.m. on May 29, 2012 at the Joint Maintenance Facility.

PRESENT: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Omerza, Sheddy, and Mayor Skraba (5)

ABSENT: Council member Polyner arrived at 5:31pm and Council member Zupec arrived at 5:50pm.

Also Present: Attorney Fletcher Freeman as neutral third party and Attorney Bill Defenbaugh representing chalet Investments, LLC

The purpose is to review the closure statement for the Manufactured Home Park of Northern Terrace; hear of impact of the park closing and to provide notice & inform displaced residents of their rights under Minnesota law and that they may be entitled to compensation from the Minnesota Manufactured Home Relocation Trust Fund administered by the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Mayor Skraba read aloud the closure statement for the Manufactured Home Park of Northern Terrace.

Concerns expressed by the public included: no one can afford to live in an apartment; apartments don't allow pets or pets of certain sizes; there trailers are too old to withstand a move; the money offered by the state to help them move will only cover a 25 mile radius; there is no place within city limits that is zoned for trailer homes; what if they have no other place to move at the end of the 60 day limit before they are kicked out; they are their own community and are like a family; there are 14 permanent trailer homes in the park and only 1 or 2 can afford to move.

Clerk Lowell read aloud the conditions the trailer homes needed to meet in order to reside on a city lot. These included: home must have a minimum footprint of 768 sq.ft; lot width must be at least 50' wide & 6,000 sq.ft; each side wall on the home is at least 22' in length; home meets the city's current building code requirements.

The residents of the trailer park asked of the council for their next regular meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>:

1. Is it possible for the City to prepare another location for a mobile home park if the current location must be closed?
2. Is it possible to keep the mobile home park open?
3. Is it possible to subdivide this property to allow the homeowners to say?

Sheddy/Debeltz moved to appoint Attorney Fletcher Freeman as neutral third party to represent the Trailer Park residents. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Skraba closed the public hearing at 6:35pm.

Claire Huisman  
Deputy Clerk