

Council Study Session Minutes, September 25, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Ely City Council Study Session was called to order by Mayor Skraba at 6:00pm on September 25, 2012 at the Ely City Hall.

Present: Council members Debeltz, Nikkola, Polyner, Sheddy and Mayor Skraba (5)
Absent: Council members Omerza and Zupec (2)

Mayor Skraba reminded everyone of Duane Whalen's funeral will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012 at 11:00am at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. A moment of silence was offered for Duane at this time.

II. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

- A. Omission: III.A. – Chuck Novak
- B. Omission: V.C. – Cemetery Board Ordinance
- C. Addition: V.D. – Set time and date for Negotiations
- D. Addition: V.E. – Set time and date for ER Committee to meet
- E. Addition: V.F. – Set time and date for Council to meet with John Fedo
- F. Addition: V.G. – Set time and date for Budget Committee to meet

Debeltz/Polyner moved approval of additions & omissions A-F. Motion carried unanimously.

III. REQUEST TO APPEAR:

- A. Chuck Novak – Ely Area Ambulance Service Annual Briefing – **omitted and rescheduled for 1st Council meeting in October.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2013 Budget Update
 - i. Airport – due to due from? How to handle?

In trying to explain the Airport due to and due from line item, Mayor Skraba stated that because many of the Airport Projects cost more money than was allocated, they would have to borrow the additional funds from the General Fund in order to complete the projects. Over the years it has added up to approx. \$155,000. Rather than keep paying the due to due from, the Airport Commission would like to come up with a way to eliminate this due to due from account.

Clerk Lowell stated it is a lot more involved and more research needs to be done by the budget committee to determine the process for eliminating the due to due from account which they will bring back to the Council with their recommendations, hopefully by the end of October.

A report showing revenues with comparison to the budget for the 8 months ending August 31, 2012 was presented to the Council. Another report to be presented at a later date compares the 2012 estimated year end expenditures to the budget comprised 16 months ago. This will show what we need to do in 2013 regarding the 2013 final tax levy.

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Budget Committee will meet on October 23, 2012 at 9:00am at City Hall to discuss the budget issues and to work on projections for the upcoming year.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. CDBG – Citizen Advisory Committee – Mayor Skraba expressed interest in putting in an application to be on this committee. This will be submitted by the Clerk’s office.
- B. Joint Meeting with School Board was set for October 25, 2012 at 6:00pm at the Grand Ely Lodge.
- C. Revisit Cemetery Board Ordinance? – **discussion was omitted**
- D. Time and date for the Negotiation Committee to meet and discuss Labor and Employment Agreements will be arranged by the Clerk/Treasurer.
- E. Employee Relations Committee will meet on October 4, 2012 at 5:00pm in City Hall to review and rank the library clerk applicants.
- F. Special Council meeting will be held on October 2, 2012 at 4:00pm to meet with John Fedo to discuss Economic Objectives.

Mayor Skraba spoke briefly on the Joint Powers meeting he attended and shared some of the facts and figures that were presented at the meeting which Mr. Novak will go over in greater detail at the next regular council meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

Claire Huisman
Deputy Clerk