

## Council Study Session Minutes, March 26, 2013

### I. Call to Order:

The Ely City Council Study Session was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 5:30pm on March 26, 2013 at the Ely City Hall.

Present: Council members Debeltz, Kess, Nikkola, Polyner, Sheddy and Mayor Petersen (6)

Absent: Council member Omerza (1)

### II. Additions or Omissions: None

### III. Request to Appear: None

### IV. Old Business:

A. Reminder of Special Council Meeting on April 3, 2013 at 5:30pm in City Hall for the “Strong Towns” presentation

B. Discussion ensued on the various building options.

Clerk Langowski stated the rules on establishing a City Sales Tax. These included a four-step process. 1. City Council must pass a resolution indicating its approval of the tax. 2. City must submit the proposed tax to the voters as a referendum at a general election held at least 90 days after the resolution was passed. 3. City must request-and Legislature must approve- a special law authorizing the proposed tax. 4. City must adopt an ordinance imposing the local tax and notify the commissioner of the Dept of Revenue at least 90 days before the first day of the calendar quarter on which the tax is to be imposed.

Langowski presented a building option/idea from John Huisman, HPC member who later commented on his proposal at the podium.

Mayor Petersen and Council member Sheddy expressed their concerns that ADA compliance of the buildings needs to be the number one priority.

Council member Polyner stated that we need to look at the other ideas brought forth by the public and especially the Regional Recreation Center brought forth by Jeff Sundell. She feels the city should allow time for the feasibility study for the Rec Center and the Re-use study for the Community Center before making a definite decision on the buildings futures.

Council member Nikkola stated a new building would be the best option but the City cannot afford it.

The Council decided on three options to leave on the table for consideration:

- Option A – Library moves to Fire Hall (option 1B from JPJ)
- Option B – 50 W White St New Construction (option public works from JPJ)
- Option C – City Hall remodel with multiple options (option 1 from JPJ)

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Langowski stated that a decision needs to be made by August in order for the City to apply for a Sales Tax which is due in January. Mayor Petersen stated a decision would be made by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting in July, 2013.

- V. New Business:
  - A. Constituent asked Council member Nikkola to bring a resolution forward supporting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights to the Constitution. The Council agreed unanimously not to take any formal action regarding this issue due to its controversial nature.

**Nikkola/Sheddy moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Claire Huisman  
Deputy Clerk