

Ely City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, July 2, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER:
The Ely City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 5:30 pm on July 2, 2013 at the Ely City Hall.
2. ROLL CALL:
Present: Council members Debeltz, Kess, Nikkola, Polyner, Sheddy and Mayor Petersen (6)
Absent: Council member Omerza (1)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Debeltz/Nikkola moved to approve the minutes from June 18, 2013 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
Kess/Nikkola moved to approve the minutes from June 25, 2013 Study Session. Motion carried unanimously.
1. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
 - A. Addition 9.D.ii – Civil Citation report
 - B. Addition 10.C. – University of Minnesota letter
 - C. Addition 13.B – Awarding bid for project Airport Crack Repair
 - D. Addition 13.C – Resolution supporting bear research
 - E. Addition – Close meeting at end for labor negotiations & Reed Road discussion
 - F. Addition 10.D. – Council float banner**Debeltz/Nikkola moved to approve additions A-F. Motion carried unanimously.**
2. MAYOR'S REPORT - None
3. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda
 - B. Approve Ely Nordic Ski Club request for City of Ely to pay half or \$1,700 for the new water pump at Hidden Valley.**Nikkola/Debeltz moved to approve consent agenda items A & B. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
 - A. Pat Koski, Ely resident, spoke to the Council regarding the potential renaming of Central Ave to Miners Ave. She stated that she has lived her whole life in Ely and she is in favor of mining. Her father was a miner and received many awards and medals for his work in the mines. The City of Ely already has a Miner's Drive, Miner's Dry building and a Miner's Lake. The City has no streets dedicated to Loggers, Educators, Athletes, Artists or Women. All of which has helped to make Ely what it is today. She feels that Central Ave. is an integral part of Ely history and the name should not be changed.

Kess/Nikkola moved to not change the name of Central Ave. Motion carried unanimously.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. LMC Annual Conference and Centennial Celebration Report

Nikkola/Sheddy moved to approve Employee Relations recommendation for the Police Chief to assume Administrator Access for the City Hall door lock system and to have the system transferred to the Police Department's computer. Motion carried unanimously.

Council member Polyner stated that the Ely Comprehensive Plan was passed at the last Planning and Zoning meeting. There will be a public hearing tomorrow during the P&Z meeting for a garage variance on Beacon Hill. Pavers, diggers, wood chips, etc have been added to Whiteside Park and the project is nearing completion. Also, the Historical Walking Tour will be in progress by next week.
6. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:
 - A. Clerk-Treasurer
 - i. EUC Consent Agenda Items: The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, June 26, 2013:

1. Approved the quote from Shannon's, Inc. for repair of the HVAC at the WWTF for \$1,750.00.
2. Approved the purchase of 2500 lf of 6-6-6 Cu HDPE w/conductor from Border States for \$5,175.00 and 1800 lf of triplex from Dakota Supply for \$1,170.00.
3. Approved the purchase of pipe and materials from Minnesota Pipe & Equipment for \$2,140.60.
4. Approved payment of the May, 2013 EUC Bills List for \$372,589.33.
5. Approved payment of Environmental Toxicity Control, Inc. Invoice #13-097 for \$1,150.00 for chronic toxicity testing for the WWTF.
6. Approved payment of KBM, Inc. Invoice #061322 and #061323 for \$156.00 each for electrical engineering services.

Nikkola/Debeltz moved to approve the EUC consent agenda items 1-6. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director Heinrich reported on the upcoming events at the Library.

D. Police Chief

- i. Nikkola/Debeltz moved approval for the Police Chief to post internally for 2nd Sergeant position. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii. Police Chief presented a Civil Citation Report which stated there were 48 letters and 5 citations given as of June 29, 2013 regarding overgrown grass and public nuisances.

E. City Attorney

- i. **Kess/Nikkola moved to table the Hiring Policy approval due to discussion on adding "industriousness" or "work ethic" ratings to the screening process. This will be brought back to the next Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**
- ii. **Kess/Nikkola moved to approve the new Ely TV Contract which sets their compensation at \$1,667/month for the period ending June 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.**
- iii. Reed Road – discussed in close session at end of meeting.

F. City Engineer

7. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Correspondence from Minnesota Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MCFOA) regarding annual conference held in March in St. Cloud.
- B. Debeltz/Nikkola moved approval to send the Ely Chamber of Commerce a "Thank you" note for their \$1,000 contribution to Ely's 4th of July Fireworks display. Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. University of Minnesota letter from Gary Johnson, Urban and Community Forestry regarding emerald ash borer (EAB) damage to urban forests.
Kess/Nikkola moved to approve the City to set up an account for the Tree Board grant monies and donations to be used in their tree gravel bed and replanting projects. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Council member Polyner will make a banner with the names of the riding Council members on the float in the 4th of July parade.

8. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. City and EUC claims for July 2, 2013 - \$171,778.13.
- B. Ely Community Resource - 3rd quarter payment for services rendered to the City - \$3,140.00
Debeltz/Nikkola moved to approve claims for payment A & B. Motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Debeltz/Nikkola moved to approve Resolution #2013-018 authorizing application of the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club to sell Pull-Tabs at the Ely Bowling Alley. WHEREAS, the Ely Igloo**

Snowmobile Club has applied for a Minnesota Lawful Gambling Premises Permit (a class B License) for a gambling site to sell pull-tabs at the Ely Bowling Alley, dba E.B.A. Enterprises, 43 E Camp St, Ely MN 55731. **WHEREAS**, the City of Ely approves of said application and that the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club be authorized to submit the necessary paperwork to the State of Minnesota Department of Gambling Control. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota does hereby adopt this resolution.

Roll called: Debeltz-yes, Kess-yes, Nikkola-yes, Polyner-yes, Sheddy-yes and Mayor Petersen-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Nikkola/Debeltz moved to approve awarding the low bid of \$53,750.00 to J&A Enterprises for the 2013 CIP –Crack Repair Project. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Debeltz/Nikkola moved to approve Resolution #2013-019 supporting Dr. Lynn Rogers continued bear research. WHEREAS, Dr. Lynn Rogers has been a recognized leader in Black Bear research. **WHEREAS**, Dr. Roger’s research has brought National and Worldwide recognition to the City of Ely, through hundreds of visitors that have come to the Wildlife Research Institute and hundreds of thousands that have viewed the birth of wild bear cubs and other bear behavior on-line or on video. **WHEREAS**, the visitors and attention brought by the Wildlife Research Institute’s research have been a major economic and social benefit to the City of Ely and the State of Minnesota. **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Ely, Minnesota requests the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reinstate Dr. Roger’s permits to Collar live Black Bears and to continue his 46 years of Black Bear Research.

Roll called: Debeltz-yes, Kess-yes, Nikkola-yes, Polyner-yes, Sheddy-yes and Mayor Petersen-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

11. OPEN FORUM: None

12. **Nikkola/Debeltz moved to close the meeting at 6:19pm following a 5 minute recess. Motion carried unanimously.**

Meeting was reopened at 6:33pm.

Nikkola/Debeltz moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding on health insurance benefits between the City of Ely and AFSCME Local Union 1490. Motion carried unanimously.

Nikkola/Kess moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Claire Huisman
Deputy Clerk