

## Ely City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**  
The Ely City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 5:40 pm on September 17, 2013 at the Ely City Hall.
2. **ROLL CALL:**  
Present: Council members Debeltz, Kess, Nikkola, Omerza, Polyner, Shedly and Mayor Petersen (7)  
Absent: None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
**Debeltz/Nikkola moved to approve the minutes from September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting and September 10, 2013 Special Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:**
  - A. Addition: 12.A. – Bonding Discussion
  - B. Addition: 7.A. – Ely Jaycees**Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the additions A & B. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **MAYOR’S REPORT - None**
6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda  
**Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve consent agenda item A. Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **REQUESTS TO APPEAR:**
  - A. Jason Zabokrtsky, Ely Jaycees President, presented a check for \$5,094.73 to the City Council from the collections they received at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade when Jaycee members walked the parade route carrying a fireman’s boot to collect money for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Firework Display.
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
  - A. Langowski stated that the Airport Committee and City Officials met at the Airport with Forest Service Representatives to discuss their support for the Airport.  
  
Council member Nikkola stated that the ER Committee will be meeting this week to review the applications for the open Meter Reader position.  
  
Council member Omerza thanked all those for their time in the Ely booth at the Harvest Moon Festival. Over \$400 was donated to the Whiteside park playground project during the three days of the Festival. She also thanked the Hoop Club for the use of their tent and reminded everyone of the upcoming Homecoming Parade.  
  
Council member Polyner attended the Historical Society’s 2013 Preservation Conference in Lanesboro, MN with HPC member Celia Domich. They attended various seminars on Historical signage, Municipal Buildings & reuses, etc. which were very informative.  
  
Council member Shedly stated there will be a P&Z meeting tomorrow where they are discussing uniform zoning throughout the city.
9. **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, September 11, 2013:
      1. Authorized Harold Langowski and Butch Gornik to attend the Homeland Security grant seminar.
      2. Approved moving forward with the recommended repair and repainting of the water tower for \$10,080.00 from Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc.
      3. Approved the proposal from Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc. to inspect the water intake and replace the screen for \$1,000.00.
      4. Approved the purchase of 46 poles from Bell Lumber & Pole Co. for \$16,092.00.
      5. Approve the purchase of two transformers from B&B Transformer for \$6,510.00 for the arena.

6. Approved payment of Invoice # WT7774 from Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc. for \$9,200.00 for the inspection and cleaning of the water tower.
7. Approved payment of the ISD 696 lighting rebate for \$12,878.00.
8. Approved payment of the July, 2013 EUC bills for \$306,931.44.

**Nikkola/Debeltz moved approval of EUC consent agenda items 1-8. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Fire Chief Erchull stated they assisted in their first mutual aid fire with Morse Township. He also reminded everyone of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Safety Open House on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at the Ely Fire Hall..
- C. Library Director
- D. Police Chief Lahtonen discussed the Ely PD School Resource Officer position (RSO) that was filled by Officer Hawley. He will be at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30am to 3:30pm, assisting in classes, being available to the kids at lunch and on the playground and working with the school administration and staff.
- E. City Attorney
  - i. Attorney Klun presented Ordinance 280 and 281 regarding the Sale of E-Cigarettes and Synthetic Drugs for the Councils review. This will be moved to the next Study Session on September 24<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.
  - ii. Attorney Klun presented a Biosolids Hauling Services Contract which would allow Mountain & Companies the right to collect and haul biosolids from the City. The contract is still under revision and will be brought back to the Council for approval at the next council meeting on October 1, 2013.
  - iii. **Kess/Nikkola moved approval of the Letter of Understanding for the AFCSME Union Contract which had been previously approved by the council at an earlier meeting. Attorney Klun presented tonight with minor changes to the dates which pertained to their HSA Contributions. Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Community Care Team Networking Breakfast – Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 7am – 9am.
- B. Notice of vacancy on the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee – Clerk Langowski encouraged anyone, council and/or public; to join this Committee since a lot of our grant funding for the City's major projects comes from this program.
- C. Thank you note from Matthew Gasner for the opportunity to work as an intern for the City of Ely in the Infrastructure Department.

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. City and EUC claims for September 17, 2013 - \$239,321.07
  - B. 2013 Ely Area Ambulance Service Contribution of \$5.05/capita - \$17,467.95
  - C. Minnesota Mayors Association annual membership dues - \$30.00
  - D. League of Minnesota Cities annual membership dues - \$3,371.00
- Debeltz/Nikkola moved claims for payment A-D. Motion carried unanimously.**

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Kess/Debeltz moved approval that the City will give its best efforts to maintain the Community Center Building for 4 years beginning September 27, 2013 as long as no reverse referendum is petitioned by the public. If a referendum occurs, then the building will be shut down immediately after the Library is moved. Motion carried unanimously.**

It was noted that a petition would need to be presented at City Hall no later than 4:30pm on September 26, 2013 in order to start the process for a reverse referendum.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve December 3, 2013 at 6:00pm for Truth in Taxation Public Hearing with the regular Council meeting to follow immediately after. Motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **Nikkola/Debeltz moved to approve the Clerk to sign the \$10,000 Minnesota Cultural Heritage Grant Agreement. The in-kind services required in the Grant will be provided by HPC members. Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. **Debeltz/Nikkola move to approve Mayor and Clerk to sign – JPJ Engineering Partial Payment Estimate #3 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Alley Sewer Harvey to Sheridan St Project #12-634 - \$36,936.00 to Utility Systems of America. Motion carried unanimously.**
- D. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve Mayor and/or Clerk to sign – JPJ Engineering Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Ely 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Alley Sewer Harvey to Sheridan St Project #12-634. Motion carried unanimously.**
- E. **Debeltz/Sheddy moved to approve Mayor and/or Clerk to sign the \$6,481 Hidden Valley Cross Country Ski Trail Grant Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. **Sheddy/Nikkola moved to approve Resolution #2013-032 authorizing the City of Ely to make application to and accept funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program for demolition of 3 parcels. WHEREAS THE authorizing authority approves of the attached application for the Residential Redevelopment Project: and WHEREAS THE authorizing authority hereby agrees to accept funding for the underlying project if approved by the IRRRB. 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, Omerza-yes, Polyner-yes, Sheddy-yes and Mayor Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.**

14. OPEN FORUM - None

15. **Nikkola/Omerza moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:36pm. Motion carried unanimously.**

Claire Huisman  
Deputy Clerk