

Council Study Session Minutes, September 24, 2013

Call to Order:

The Ely City Council Study Session was called to order by Mayor Petersen at 5:30pm on September 24, 2013 at the Ely City Hall.

Present: Council members Debeltz, Kess, Nikkola, Omerza (arrived at 5:39pm), Sheddy and Mayor Petersen (6)

Absent: Council member Polyner (1)

Mike Hillman proposed to the Council that he would like to apply for available Grant money which would be used to stabilize the Captain's Dry House on Miner's Lake. The grant would require no in-kind services from the City. He is also not asking for any compensation to apply for the Grant other than the use of office space in City Hall. Mayor Petersen was in support the grant writing and told Mr. Hillman that he could get started.

Council member Nikkola stated that this should go on the next Council Agenda to be officially approved.

Clerk Langowski stated that the next Budget meeting will be October 9th at 10am in City Hall. Mayor Petersen suggested moving around a couple of line items within the Budget. This will be discussed at the next Budget meeting.

Jill Doberstein, Program Manager of Tobacco Control, presented to the Council facts about E-Cigarettes and what other cities are doing to regulate their use. Attorney Klun prepared Ordinance #281 which amends the City Code, Chapter 6 on regulating and licensing of Tobacco products. She also prepared Ordinance #280 which amends the City Code, chapter 10 regarding the regulation of the sale of synthetic drugs and other products labeled "not for human consumption". These ordinances were modeled after the recent ordinances passed in Duluth regarding e-cigarettes and synthetic drugs. Discussion ensued on possibly raising fines and licensing fees for these products. Attorney Klun will research other area cities for their fines and fees and bring that information back to the council at the next meeting. The first readings of these ordinances will be on the next council meeting agenda.

Debeltz/Nikkola moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:13pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Claire Huisman
Deputy Clerk