

## **Council Study Session Minutes, May 26, 2015**

### **Call to Order**

The Ely City Council Study Session was called to order by Acting Mayor Debeltz at 5:30pm on May 26, 2015 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Polyner, Acting Mayor Debeltz (4)

ABSENT: Council members Omerza, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak (3)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Clerk Langowski presented a draft ordinance from the City of Brainerd regarding regulating Food Trucks in their City. Discussion ensued on whether the City of Ely should adopt a similar ordinance. At this time, all of the food trucks that come to Ely have made arrangements with businesses to use their parking lots to sell their food. According to City Code, no license is needed under these conditions. Council member A.Forsman stated that drafting an ordinance now might be a bit pre-mature and it may be better to wait until an issue arises. The Council agreed that nothing should be done at this time.
  
- B. Attorney Klun presented proposed changes and revisions to the City's current Sign Ordinance. Areas of discussion for changes included: off premise signage; general permitting for wall signs; temporary signs; sandwich/portable signs in commercial areas. Clerk Langowski stated that the main reason for the revisions is to simplify the whole ordinance and to limit the number of variances applied for which take considerable amount of administrative time. The proposals will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then presented to the Council for their approval of the changes. Council member Kess asked if some sort of signage could be placed on Sheridan St to make tourist aware of the merchants on Chapman St. This will be looked into as well by P&Z.
  
- C. The Maxwell Research Housing Study draft - discussion was moved to a later meeting in June to give everyone time to read the draft Study. It was noted that Council members can also send in their comments or recommendations to the draft study directly to Maxwell Research.

Acting Mayor Debeltz adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.

Claire Huisman  
Deputy Clerk