

Ely City Council Regular Minutes, August 18, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Ely City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Novak at 5:45pm on August 18, 2015 at the City Hall Council Chambers.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Polyner, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak (7)

Absent: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the minutes from August 4, 2015 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:

A. Addition: 10.C – Coalition of Greater Minnesota Letter- \$5928-2016 Dues

B. Addition: 11.D- Minnesota Historical Society- Ely State Theater

C. Addition 12.B - 2nd reading sign ordinance No. 303 2nd Series

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve additions A-C to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Novak attended David Dill's Funeral on Saturday. Some very nice eulogies and memories of David Dill were shared.

Mayor stated that he visited St. Paul last week and visited with some legislators including the Commissioner of Revenue and Senator Bakk. Mayor Novak met with Senator Bakk about our bonding issues and reported they are being welcomed.

Mayor Novak was able to sit in a presentation with Twin Metal of Minnesota last Thursday with the Bureau of Land Management from the Federal Government. From that presentation Twin Metals has requested to speak at the Septembers Study Session about their visit with the Bureau of Land Management.

Mayor Novak welcomed Crystal Chopp the new associate dentist practicing with Dr. Scott Anderson as the new dentist in town.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda

B. Approve Council and/or Staff to attend the League of Minnesota Cities 2015 Regional Meetings

C. Approve Ely Jaycees Temporary Liquor License Application to operate a Beer Garden on September 26, 2015 during the Ely Marathon pending receipt of all proper paperwork and fees.

D. Joint Prosecution Agreement

Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the consent agenda item A-D. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:

A. Ely Student Council: Homecoming Parade Approval

Morgan Housey, Anna Urbas, Erin Bianco from the Ely Student Council. They are requesting to have a Homecoming Parade on Friday September 18th at 4:30pm. The route would start at 7th Ave and Harvey, go down Harvey to 2nd Ave, 2nd to Sheridan, Sheridan to 7th Ave heading back to the school. They would like to have Community Members and School Members all participate in the parade. Chief Lahtonen stated that the Student Council has done a great job in the past and he approves of the parade.

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the Ely Student Councils Request to have a parade on September 18, 2015 at 4:30pm and to work with Clerk/Treasurer Langowski and Chief Lahtonen. The route would start at 7th Ave and Harvey, go down Harvey to 2nd Ave, 2nd to Sheridan, Sheridan to 7th Ave heading back to the school. Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Luthera Smith made a request on an extension on the clean-up of her property. She said that she has not seen the search warrant that was left at her house.

Attorney Klun stated that Luthera Smith received the inspection report done by our building official as well as written notification of a hearing concerning her property date for August 25, 2015 at 5pm today. At the hearing will be discussion on the abatement of the property and what the options are for remedy. Klun stated that if L. Smith needed a copy of the search warrant Klun could provide that for her. Klun told L. Smith that she received a copy of the inspection report today and to attend the hearing on August 25, 2015 at 5pm.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Novak and A. Forsman reported on the budget meeting and there will not be an increase in the levy for the 2016 budget. A. Forsman reported that the 2015 budgets are looking to be on track and to follow the forecasted amounts.

Omerza reported on the park and rec meeting and stated that the next park and rec meeting will be on September 14, 2015 at 5:30 since the 1st Monday of the month fall on Labor Day. Park and Rec is continuing to work on a plan for Semer's Park Improvements. An Ad Hoc committee is being formed that will work on planning improvements at Semers, if anyone is interested in being on the committee contact City Hall to put you name on the list to be part of the group.

Omerza participated in the Rockin Lock-In at the Library. Omerza mentioned it was a great time and thank to all the volunteers who helped, especially Rachel Heinrich for planning the event, and also thanks to the Friends of the Library.

Omerza reported that the League of Minnesota Cities policy committees meetings are going on know if anyone has anything at the legislative level that you want changed please let Council Member Omerza know.

Omerza reported that Bradley Peterson from the Coalition of Minnesota Greater Cities is going come to speak to the council at the next Study Session on August 25, 2015.

D.Forsman reported on the projects committee that they are reviewing the projects portion of the comp plan. The projects committee is also reviewing the priority of projects for 2016, the 5th and 6th Ave E from Harvey to Sheridan project is moving up the list.

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, August 12, 2015:

1. Approved the contract extension on the capacity charge with Minnesota Power for July, 2015.
2. Approved calling for bids for equipment replacement.
3. Approved the EUC Bills List for June, 2015 for \$270,622.09.
4. Approved payment of the Energy Insights, Inc. Invoice #5131 for CIP services for \$3,101.30.
5. Approved payment of #704.33 to Insula Restaurant and \$703.46 to Frandsen Bank for CIP rebates.
6. Approved payment for the Keller Fence Company Invoice #3125 for a new gate at Substation B.

Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve EUC consent agenda items 1-6.

Motion carried unanimously

A.Forsman would like to commend the city on the CIP rebates program. He would like to see more business use the program, if anyone has any questions on the CIP program feel free to contact Council Member A.Forsman.

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

Library Director Heinrich thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Rockin Lock-in and also gave a brief update on the upcoming events in the Library which can be found on the Ely Library website.

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney:

i. Annexation Update: Attorney Klun attended the Town of Morse meeting last Tuesday with the Town of Morse Board Members to discuss the West Shagawa Road and the Westside Entrance Annexation. Attorney Klun will have a resolution at the next council meeting on September 1,2015 with the concerns that the Town of Morse has including the building of the ambulance garage, and that the City of Ely will maintain the trail right away for the Westside Entrance. Klun will also have a resolution with the concerns that the Town of Morse has for the West Shagawa Annexation which include that the City of Ely will not limit people use of water. Klun stated that hopefully at the September 15, 2015 Council Meeting she will have signed Annexation agreement.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Whiteside Park 100 Years ceremony September 12, 2015: Langowski stated that details to be forthcoming. Omerza would like to thank Ellen Cashman and the Chamber on taking on this event.
- B. Ely Community Resource-Quarterly Progress Report April 1-June 30, 2015-Matter of Information
- C. Coalition of Greater Minnesota Letter- \$5928-2016 Dues-Matter of Information
- D. Minnesota Historical Society- Ely State Theater: The Ely State Theater is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. City and EUC claims for August 18, 2015 - \$1,282,026.45
Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve the City and EUC claims for payment for August 18, 2015 for \$1,282,026.45. Motion carried unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Sale of Old Ford Garage-P&Z update: Langowski stated that the City is still waiting to close on the property. This will be an ongoing discussion with Planning and Zoning.
- B. Omerza/Kess moved to approve the second reading Sign Ordinance No. 303 2nd Series amending Chapter 14 of the City Code with the regard to regulating signs in the City of Ely. Polyner commented that where it says Sandwich Board in Section 14.02 Subd. 47 it should be changed to Sidewalk Sign and the wording changed to "A sign generally composed of two boards, set up in a triangle shape, hinged along the top, and placed upon a sidewalk." In Section 14.08 Subd 3.F. all the Sandwich boards should be switched to Sidewalk Signs. Kess/Debeltz moved to amend the original motion and moved to make the following changes to the Sign Ordinance No. 303 2nd Series amending Chapter 14 with the regard to regulating signs in the City of Ely changes include: Section 14.02 Subd. 47 Sandwich Board should be changed to Sidewalk Sign and the wording changed to "A sign generally composed of two boards, set up in a triangle shape, hinged along the top, and placed upon a sidewalk." In Section 14.08 Subd 3.F. all the Sandwich Boards words should be switched to Sidewalk Signs. Motion carried unanimously.**
Omerza/Kess moved to approve the second reading Sign Ordinance No. 303 2nd Series amending Chapter 14 of the City Code with the regard to regulating signs in the City of Ely as amended.
Roll Called: A.Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Polyner –yes D.Forsman-yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Debeltz/Omerza moved to accept the proposal for Pony Rides/Petting Zoo at Harvest Moon Festival September 11-13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.**

- B. Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve in kind services for the American Cancer Society Walk on August 21, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.**
- C. Memo from Doug Whitney concerning 1041 E Washington St, Ely MN: Mayor Novak announced that a Public Hearing will be held on August 25, 2015 at 5:00pm at City Hall 209 E Chapman St Ely, Minnesota to discuss the real property located at 1041 E Washington Street.
- D. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the TKDA Construction Report and Cost Estimate #2 for \$1,233,731.79. Motion carried unanimously.**
- E. A.Forsman/Omerza moved to approve Ordinance No. 304, 2nd Series-1st Reading- Authorizing Sale of real property to E Chapman Properties, LLC. Roll Called: A.Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Polyner –yes D.Forsman-yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion carried unanimously.**
- F. D.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve to waive City of Ely Interim Use Permit Fees and Whiteside Park Rental Fees for the Ely Marathon.**
Langowski mentioned that preregistrations are coming in good, Wendy Lindsay has been working with St. Louis County and working with a traffic control contractor to provide all the traffic control for the event. There will be postings in the paper on all the road closures for the day of the Marathon and there will be a public hearing on September 2, 2015 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers.
- G. Mayor Novak suggested considering renaming 17th Ave to David Dill Drive in honor of Representative David Dill. Debeltz/Omerza moved to consider the renaming 17th Ave to David Dill Drive.** A.Forsman says it is a good idea, but he is concerned at how it would affect the residences in that area and the expense. Mayor Novak stated he talked with the Postmaster at the Ely Post Office and it would affect 2 businesses in Ely, Peshel Accounting and Razor Edge. Omerza stated that the council needs to do their homework on this matter and be conscious on how it will affect the businesses in that area. **Motion carried unanimously.**

14. OPEN FORUM

15. Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:43pm

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk