

**City Council
Public Hearing, Tuesday August 18, 2015
City Hall Council Chambers**

The special meeting of the Ely City Council was called to order Mayor Chuck Novak at 5:00PM on Tuesday August 18, 2015.

Council Members Present: A. Forsman, Kess, Omerza, Polyner, D. Forsman and Mayor Novak (6)

Absent: Debeltz (1)

Purpose: This hearing will be held to discuss a proposed revision of the City's Sign Ordinance #303.

Mike Banovetz asked who enforces the Sign Ordinance? Novak said that it is normally enforced by complaint from a citizen, by Planning and Zoning Official, Building Official, or the Police.

Sue Wavern from 2nd Chance Consignments & Curiosities asked what the ordinance says and what changes are being made in the ordinance. Mayor Novak stated that the ordinance was published in the Ely Echo. Attorney Klun stated that there are three main changes in the ordinance.

1. Extending the maximum square footage of signage
2. Establishing temporary signage for 90 days rather than 30 days which was allowed under the prior ordinance and it also defines the amount of temporary signage allowed.
3. Off premise signs are allowed with a 1 year permit. An off premise sign is a sign that someone might have on their building advertising for another business.

Klun stated that we are making the ordinance a lot less restrictive in those 3 categories. Wavern stated that she is fine with the changes. Wavern asked about flag signs. Klun stated that there were no changes to the flag portion of the ordinance. The flags must stay out of the right away and off of the sidewalks. Klun also stated that MNDot controls Sheridan Street, what MNDot says trumps any sign regulations the City has.

Greg Cramer Planning and Zoning Administrator commented that MNDot controls 600feet off of each edge of the right away which is almost 3 city blocks.

Mayor Novak closed the public hearing at 5:09pm.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk
City of Ely