

Council Minutes February, 21 2017
Regular Council Meeting-Council Chambers City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Novak called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
J. Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve the minutes from the February, 7 2017 meeting with the correction of a name spelling. Motion carried unanimously.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA
5. MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Novak reported on the ribbon cutting/open house at the old James Drug building-matter of information
The Wolf Track Classic has been canceled due to weather conditions-matter of information
Dept. of Agriculture gypsy moth spray this past summer was successful and they will not need to come back and do a second round-matter of information
Congratulated Ely's Erin Bianco and the entire Ely Ski team for their win at State Nordic Finals
Reported on the Department of Revenue job fair and hiring stating that positions were offered to 9 attendees and they have 7 new hires in training-matter of information
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda
 - B. Approve Council and Staff to attend the Smile You're in Ely Banquet on Wednesday April 12, 2017
 - C. Accept Jessica Dunn's resignation from the Library Board.
Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion Carried unanimously.
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
 - A. Paul Pengal owner of a business on Sheridan Street stated he had concerns about the Sheridan Street improvements and beautification. He was concerned that the business owners were not being properly notified of what plans were. Mayor Novak explained that nothing has been passed as far as improvements go. Langowski stated that there was a grant request submitted to IRRRB for the beautification of Sheridan Street, but as of now no definitive decisions have been made of what specifically the money will be used for. Langowski also stated that MNDOT will be doing the sidewalks along Central to 3rd Ave E and the City is still waiting to hear from MNDOT for a public hearing. Mayor Novak also noted that there will Public Hearings in the future regarding any improvements on Sheridan Street.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A.Forsman reported on the Blandin Broadband meeting at Amici's, and on the newly Elected EUC officers-matter of information

Callen reported on the two up-coming Public Hearings one for Crapola Fest and one for the re-zoning of the Old Ford Garage on March 15, 2017 starting at 4:45 pm

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, February 8, 2017:
 - 1. Elected the EUC officers for 2017 – President Kurt Soderberg, Vice President Warren Nikkola, Secretary Jordan Richards
 - 2. Approved the purchase of 100 AMI water meter nodes from Eaton for \$10,000.00.
 - 3. Approved the purchase of 35 fixtures and assemblies from WESCO for \$96,202.04 for Sheridan Street lighting.
 - 4. Approved the purchase and installation of a Yukon load management server from Eaton for \$10,174.91.

J. Debeltz/D Forsman moved to approve the EUC Consent Agenda items 1-5 from the February 8, 2017 EUC Meeting. Motion Carried unanimously
- ii. Update on Brownfield Coalition Meeting-matter of information

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library website.

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney:

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. CDBG Funding Recommendations
- B. Board of Appeal and Equalization Open Book Meeting

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. City and EUC claims for February 21, 2017 - \$258,006.02
J. Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve the City and EUC Claims for Payment. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approve Committee Appointments

EUC Commission – Term Expires January 31, 2018

Angela Campbell or David R DuFresne or Greg Mangold

J Debeltz/Omerza moved to appoint Angela Campbell to the EUC commission with a term expiring January 31, 2018. Motion Carried unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Kess/Debeltz moved to approve Ordinance No. 312, 2nd Series: An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending Chapter 11, Section 11.40 Regulating List of Permissible and Conditional Uses. Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, D.Forsman-yes Mayor Novak-yes.**

- B. J. Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve Resolution 2017-005 Authorizing the City of Ely to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB FY17 Grant Program Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, D.Forsman-yes and Mayor Novak-yes.**

- C. J. Debleltz/Callen moved to Approve Resolution 2017-006 Authorizing Grant Application and Accepting Funds from the MN Department of Natural Resources for the Parks and Trails Legacy Grant Program. Roll Called: A Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, D.Forsman-yes and Mayor Novak-yes**

- D. Debeltz/D. Forsman moved to approve the City of Ely and Stony River Township Basic Fire Protection Agreement. Motion Carried Unanimously**

- E. A.Forsman/D. Forsman moved for the approval of the new EUC Rates Effective March 1, 2017. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN: Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm without objection

Katie Richards
Account Clerk