

## Council Minutes August 15, 2017

### Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER –Mayor Novak called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Acting Mayor Omerza, Callen, and D.Forsman  
ABSENT: Mayor Novak
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
  - A. Addition 9.D.i. Updating the City of Ely Fee Schedule to include an annual Dangerous Dog Fee of \$500.00 per MN Statute 347.50 - 347.565.
  - B. Addition: 13.C Property at 726 E Camp St  
**Items A and B added without objection.**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
6. CONSENT AGENDA:  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
  - A. Ely Jaycees presenting Fireworks Donation  
Kevin Hodar of the Ely Jaycees presented \$4333.17 to the City of Ely for the fireworks donations that the Ely Jaycees collected during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade walking with firemen’s boots.  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to send the Ely Jaycees a Thank You for their donation to the Ely Fireworks fund. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A. Standing/Special

#### Budget Committee

**A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Budget Committee to create a dedicated fund for future Children’s Section purchases at the library for the \$25,000 library donation. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

Clerk Langowski stated the city is working on the preliminary budget and the levy for 2018. Any groups that might ask the city for a donation next year should get their requests in for budget purposes as soon as possible, they can contact any council member, or Clerk Langowski, or Deputy Clerk Velcheff with any requests or ideas.

#### Telecommunications Advisory Board

**D.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from TAB to approve the RFP to operate the Ely Public Access Television Station. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

Employee Relations Committee

Interviews for Equipment Operator II will be next week.

Projects Committee

MnDot has bid out the Sheridan Street sidewalk project from Central to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. They plan on starting early September; the project should last around a month. There will be a community meeting at the August Study Session with MnDot to learn about the sidewalk project and current and future Sheridan Street beautification plans.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

B. Fire Chief

The Public Safety Open House will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-6pm at the Ely Fire hall.

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

**Kess/Debeltz moved to update the City of Ely Fee Schedule to include an annual Dangerous Dog Fee of \$500.00 per MN Statute 347.50 - 347.565.**

Chief Lahtonen stated that in order for a dog to be listed as a dangerous dog it would have to have been a potentially dangerous dog first.

**Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

E. City Attorney

i. Update on Korpi Trust, 501c3 status

Attorney Klun stated that they have had some difficulties; the trust does not state that it is a charitable trust which it needs to be to get the 501c3 status. Klun is working with the trust.

ii. Update on Sherwood

Attorney Klun stated that her office has served the Sherwood's with the final notice.

iii. Update on Code

Attorney Klun stated that her office is working on updating the City Code Book. Every year they codify the City Code Book; this year there are approximately 12 ordinances to codify.

iv. Update on Street Vacations

Attorney Klun stated that they are working on the legal for the vacations.

v. Update on new Variance/CUP form

Attorney Klun stated that Klun Law Firm will be doing the recordings for the Variances and Conditional Uses. Attorney Klun has drafted a new form for Variances, CUPs, and Rezoning to make it easier to record.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Ely VFW Building selected to receive an Impact Award at the 2017 Minnesota Preservation Awards.
- B. Correspondence from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2018 Volunteer Fire Assistance Matching Grant –not awarded

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the City and EUC claims for August 15, 2017 for \$539,876.41. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve Payment Estimate #9 for the 2016 Connector Taxiway to Hoover Construction for \$487,549.74. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

**B. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve Resolution 2017-025 Resolution Authorizing the Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) Program Application. Roll Called: A.Forsman-Yes, Kess- Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Callen-Yes, D.Forsman-Yes, Acting Mayor Omerza -Yes Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

C. Property at 726 E Camp St

Langowski stated that the owners are having difficulty selling the property and would like to relinquish ownership of the property to the City of Ely. Langowski stated that this is a blight property, and would cost approximately \$20,000 to demo. The projects committee suggested contacting the neighbors to see if they would like to purchase and pay for the demo.

**Kess/Debeltz moved to reject the offer from the Quick's and to direct Clerk Langowski to correspond with the neighbors of the property. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN

Acting Mayor Omerza adjourned the meeting at 6:08pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff  
Deputy Clerk