

**Council Minutes - December 19, 2017**  
**Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER- Acting Mayor Omerza called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, , Callen, D.Forsman and Acting Mayor Omerza  
ABSENT: Mayor Novak
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Minutes from the December 5, 2017 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
5. MAYOR’S REPORT  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to cancel the study session on December 26, 2017. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda.
  - B. Approve Sergeant Burger to attend the 2018 Lifesavers Conference in San Antonia Texas on April 22-April 24.
  - C. Approve Council and Staff to attend the League of Minnesota Cities 2018 Leadership Conference on January 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> in Brooklyn Park.  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - A. Standing/Special  
Projects Committee  
**D.Forsman/A.Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee that the City Contract with TKDA to complete the work to provide design, bidding, and construction services for the proposed timber frame picnic pavilion at Semers. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**  
  
Ely Airport Commission  
**Debeltz/D.Forsman move to approve the recommendation from the Ely Airport Commission to approve the 5 year real estate lease with the FAA. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**  
  
**Debeltz/Kess moved to approve the recommendation from the Ely Airport Commission to pay the Minnesota Council of Airports Annual Membership dues. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

Budget Commission

**A.Forsman/ Debeltz moved to approve the 2017 Budget Adjustments. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

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, December 13, 2017

1. Approved payment of the October EUC Bills List for \$272,768.80.
2. Approved payment of the WSN Invoice #120715 for \$1,875.50 for electrical engineering services.

**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the EUC Consent Agenda item 1 and 2 from the December 13, 2017 EUC Meeting. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

B. Fire Chief

**A.Forsman/D.Forsman moved to hire Jeremy Moen pending successful completion of Background Check, Physical and Drug Test. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

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

i. Union Contracts, Supervisors of Essential and Other than Essential

**Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Supervisors of Essential Employees Contract for 2018-2020. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

**Debeltz/Kess moved to approve the Supervisors of Other than Essential Employees Contract for 2018-2020. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

ii. Ely Property, LLC vs. City of Ely, et al Third Party Complaint

Attorney Klun stated that Ely Property LLC added a third party defendant, Blue Earth Environmental Company, to their Claim. Jason Kuboushek is representing the City of Ely from the League of Minnesota Cities.

iii. **Callen/D.Forsman moved to approve Resolution 2017-040 establishing the City of Ely's Intent to Vacate a Portion of City-Owned Property. 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.**

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Invitation for RAMS Annual Membership Meeting
- B. Correspondence from the Great Nordic Beard Fest
- C. Correspondence from the St. Louis County Fair
- D. Correspondence from the Ely Community Health Center
- E. Correspondence from the Ely Chamber of Commerce regarding the Ely Christmas Parade and City Tree Lighting Ceremony
- F. RAMS Lunch and Learn with your Legislators
- G. Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicare Meetings

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

- A. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the City and EUC claims for December 19, 2017 for \$341,762.70. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Mayor Novak Absent.**

12. OLD BUSINESS: None

13. NEW BUSINESS: None

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN

Acting Mayor Omerza adjourned the meeting at 5:53pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff  
Deputy Clerk