

Council Minutes - February 7, 2018
Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak
ABSENT: Council member Callen
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen absent.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA
 - A. Addition 11.C. Final Pay Estimate No. 7 for Runway 12/30 Reconstruction to Northland Constructors of Duluth LLC for \$29,072.36
 - B. Addition 13.D. Approve the 2018 EUC Water, Sewer and Electric Rate Recommendation.
 - C. Addition 13.E. Approve the Certificate of Final Acceptance for the Runway 12/30 Reconstruction
 - D. Addition 13.F. Interim Use Permit for the Jake Forsman Car Show and Burnout Competition**Additions A-D were added without objection.**

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Novak stated it was a busy weekend in town for the Winter Fest and the sculptures in the park look great.

Mayor Novak thanked Dan Forsman for being a good ambassador to the City of Ely at the State of the Union.

Mayor Novak is going to write John Fossum a letter of thanks for his years of service to the hospital for his retirement. Without objection Mayor will write the letter.

Mayor Novak will be going to Duluth on Thursday to go to the Polymet hearing and to meet with Mayor Larson of Duluth and other Minnesota Mayors. On Friday Mayor Novak will be going to the cities for the weekend for the Mayors Reception at the Winter Carnival.

Mayor Novak stated that some literature was anonymously distributed in our community that did not represent our community values.

Mayor Novak stated that the City reprinted resolution 2016-055 in the Echo restating our commitment to the City of Ely.

The City of Ely reaffirms its commitment to being a community that welcomes and values diversity. We will work to be place where all people, citizens and visitors alike, will feel safe and confident that the City of Ely respects the rights and dignity of all people.

Omerza/Kess moved to reaffirm Resolution 2016-055 and the City's Commitment to the Citizens of Ely. Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess – Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, D.Forsman – Yes, and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

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 2018 Legislative Conference for Cities on March 21, 2018.

Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A and B. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR

Keiko Williams – Executive Director of Gardner Trust gave an update on Arts in Ely group and the Minnesota Citizens for Arts Survey.

Keiko stated that the ARTS in Ely is a new collaborate group of artists, art groups and art supporters that has been working together for 4 months. The ARTS in Ely group met and discussed some of the needs among the arts community. They are also working on making a comprehensive Arts directory of the Artists in Ely.

Keiko stated that the Creative Minnesota and Minnesota Citizen's for the Arts have completed their latest study of arts impacts on the Iron Range – Counties of Itasca, Lake and St. Louis, excluding Duluth. Of the 57 nonprofit arts and culture organizations participating, thirteen were from Ely. That means Ely arts and culture organization account for approximately 20% of the impact in revenues generated, attendance at events, artist and organization spending in the Iron Range.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standing/Special

Planning & Zoning

The planning and zoning commission reviewed the zoning of the Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital campus and deemed this facility to be appropriately located in the Public-1 Zone as per the EBCH development agreement with City of Ely.

Employee Relations Committee

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from ER to approve the revised Sexual Harassment Policy. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

Omerza/A.Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from ER to approve the purchasing and cash receipting policy as recommended by the auditor. This policy will become part of the internal controls as well as the employee handbook. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from ER to approve the memorandum of understanding that has been proposed to the AFSCME Union concerning the conversion of unused sick leave at retirement to the health care savings plan rather than cash out. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

Langowski stated that the City received the two grant agreements from IRRRB for 17th Ave and for the Infrastructure by the Sibley and Grahek Apartments. The DEED/BDPI agreement should be coming soon for 17th Ave.

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director

D. Police Chief

Bradley Roy has successfully completed his one year probation period.

E. City Attorney

i. Omerza/D.Forsman moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 322 An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.1.21, Entitled Zoning Map Amendment. Roll Called: A.Forsman – yes, Kess – yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza – yes, D.Forsman – yes, and Mayor Novak yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

ii. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to schedule a Public Hearing for February 27th, 2018 at 5pm regarding Ordinance 322. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

iii. Performance Reviews

Kess/Omerza moved to approve the format of the performance review form as presented. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

Omerza/A.Forsman moved to have the performance reviews due on February 27th to Klun Law Firm and to have the results at the March 6th council meeting. 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Correspondence from the Range Mayors to President Donald Trump

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. City and EUC claims for February 7, 2018 – \$444,522.02

B. Partial Estimate No. 11 for the 2016 Connector Taxiway for \$129,265.71 to Hoover Construction Co.

C. Final Pay Estimate No. 7 for Runway 12/30 Reconstruction to Northland Constructors of Duluth LLC for \$29,072.36

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the Claims for Payment A-C. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Assignments

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve Jeanne Tome's application to the Cemetery Committee with the Term ending 1/31/2021. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

B. A.Forsman/Omerza moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 317, 2nd Series, An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.13.16, entitled Vacation of a portion of City-Owned Property. Roll Called: A.Forsman – yes, Kess – yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza – yes, D.Forsman – yes, and Mayor Novak yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

C. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 319, 2nd Series, An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.13.18, entitled Vacation of a portion of Alley between Ahola Road and Forest Street. Roll Called: A.Forsman – yes, Kess – yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza – yes, D.Forsman – yes, and Mayor Novak yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the State of Minnesota Grant Contract for the Pull behind Ginzu Groomer & Snowmobile, Project #0010-17-2B. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

B. Omerza/D.Forsman moved to approve the State of Minnesota Voting Equipment Grant Agreement for \$1858.01. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

C. D.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve Resolution #2018-004 A Resolution Supporting the Polymet Northmet Project. Roll Called: A.Forsman – yes, Kess – yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza – yes, D.Forsman – yes, and Mayor Novak yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

D. A.Forsman/D.Forsman moved to approve the 2018 EUC Water, Sewer and Electric Rate Recommendations. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

E. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Certificate of Final Acceptance for the Runway 12/30 Reconstruction. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

F. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the Interim Use Permit for the Jake Forsman Car Show and Burnout Competition on October 20, 2018. Motion Carried 5-0-1-1 with A.Forsman abstaining and Callen absent.

14. OPEN FORUM

Omerza asked which committees are still in need of members.

Velcheff stated there are openings on the Cemetery Committee, TAB, Library Board, Park and Rec, and on the Police Commission.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk