

Council Minutes - June 5, 2018
Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:31pm.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak
ABSENT: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2018 Regular Council Meeting, the May 17, 2018 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting, the May 29, 2018 Special Council Meeting, May 29, 2018 Study Session, and the May 30, 2018 Emergency Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA
 - A. Addition 7.A. Paul Kess- Introduction as a candidate for the 4th District County Commissioner.
 - B. Addition 8.A Projects Committee
 - C. Addition 13.F. Amplification Permit Application for the Ely Bowling Alley for July 4, 2018 from 9pm to 11:30pm
 - D. Addition 13. G. 2018 Residential Demolition Bids: Low Bid: G Men for \$54,569.00
 - E. Parking Signs on the 200 Block of Sheridan St
 - F. RAMS Dig Once Resolution**Items A-F added without objection**
5. MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Novak stated that the situation at Holiday is ongoing and it is not as bad as it could have been. The excavation started on Monday and the extraction has gone well. Fire Chief Erchull was the Incident Commander along with guidance from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Duluth and Virginia Fire, and the MPCA. Holiday has had an environmental representative and their own contractors on site. Mayor Novak stated that this incident will not use the taxpayer's money, the City is keeping track of all our resources we are using toward the cleanup and Holiday will be billed accordingly. Holiday is proceeding with the excavation of the material in roll off bins that will be wrapped and sealed before they are hauled away to be tested. Mayor Novak stated that a burst pipe overnight caused the incident at the store on Monday, May 28, 2018 and that the alarm system went off to Holiday Corporate in the cities, but no one was there to respond. At this time the convenience store is open, but we are not sure when gas will be available.
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda.
 - B. Approve 4th of July Parade Route and have the Police Department secure necessary permits. Invitation to the City Council, Ely Police Department, and Ely Fire Department to participate in the 2018 4th of July Parade.**Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items A and B. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR

Paul Kess introduced himself as a candidate for the 4th District County Commissioner.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standing/Special

Park and Recreation Board

- i. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board that the Ely Farmers Market add open Saturdays to the 2018 season with times from 7:30am – 12:30pm and open times would be 9:30am-11:30am. It will start on June 16th through mid-September (weather dependent). Allowing the Farmers Market to put up temporary barrier to direct people where to enter/exit the Market Area.**

Mayor Novak stated that the Farmers Market should be told where they can have signage for the Farmers Market.

A.Forsman asked if the 7:30am start time for setting up on Saturdays could be an issue for our residents that live in the area.

Omerza stated that she doesn't see it being an issue, but the Farmers Market has been more than willing to work with the City if it becomes an issue.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

- ii. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board that the hours of the Tuesday Farmers Market be changed to 3pm-8pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Heritage Preservation Commission

- i Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Heritage Preservation Commission that McDonald and Mack be chosen to complete the Condition Assessment for Pioneer Mine. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

Gardner Trust

Callen stated that the Gardner Trust Board gave out over \$17,000 for the Spring Grant Round.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

Langowski stated that last Tuesday, May 29th severe winds took off the roofs of a couple of Voyageur Lumber's storage buildings and took out several power lines and frontier phone lines. Substation B was also taken out somewhere around the Tower Area. Power was restored to most of town that evening. The next morning the buildings had to be removed to do further work on the lines in the area. This morning we had a power outage to splice the cables back together. Thanks to Public Works, Electric Linemen, Water Department and the entire city staff that helped.

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. Correspondence from the League of Minnesota Cities

B. Thank You from the Farmers Market

C. Correspondence from Planning and Zoning Administrator to Mike Loe for his requested vacation.

Langowski stated that per the council's direction Planning & Zoning will start the process.

Kess asked if Loe has a specific use for the property in mind.

Langowski stated that Planning and Zoning will find out more information, before it is brought back to the council on the intentions of the property.

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. **Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the City and EUC claims for payment for June 5, 2018 for \$511,498.83. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. Minnesota Association of Small Cities 2018-2019 Membership \$1764.65 – No motion on this item

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 324, 2nd Series An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 10 Section 10.48, Entitled Regulation of City Trees and Shrubs. Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess – Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, D.Forsman – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

B. **Omerza/A.Forsman moved to approve the 2nd Reading Ordinance 325, 2nd Series An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending Chapter 20, Section 20, Section 20.2 Sales of Land City Code of the City of Ely. Roll Called: A.Forsman – Yes, Kess – Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, D.Forsman – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve in-kind services for young life activities for the 4th of July. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- B. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve Resolution 2018-018 Resolution Authorizing Conservationist with Common Sense to Apply for Raffle Permit Roll Called:
A.Forsman – Yes, Kess –Yes, Debeltz – Yes, Omerza – Yes, Callen – Yes, D.Forsman – Yes and Mayor Novak – Yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- C. Omerza/Callen moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and The City of Ely to Reconstruct County State Aid Highway 152 (17th Avenue) from Trunk Highway 1/169 (Sheridan Street) to Camp Street in the City of Ely, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- D. Kess/Debeltz moved to approve the Lease of Vacant Land for Placement of Residential Dock for Robert and Sharon Mattila located on Block 39, Lots 17-21, Town of Spaulding. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- E. City of Ely Social Media**
Discussion was had on the City having a Social Media presence and how it would be managed during non-working hours.

- F. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Amplification Permit Application for the Ely Bowling Alley for July 4, 2018 from 9pm to 11:30pm. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- G. D.Forsman/A.Forsman moved to approve the 2018 Residential Demolition Bids to the Low Bider G Men for \$54,569.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

- H. Parking Signs on the 200 Block of Sheridan St**
A.Forsman/D.Forsman moved to request that Clerk Langowski draft a letter to MNDOT that the No Parking Signs on the 200 Block of Sheridan Street be removed and that the Mayor sign the letter.
Novak discussed that the space is limited in that area with the bump out, but could be used for a compact car or motorcycles.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

- I. RAMS Dig Once Resolution**
A.Forsman/Omerza moved to bring the Dig Once Resolution up at the next Council and EEDA Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk