

Study Session Meeting – June 26, 2018
Council Chambers, Ely City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Novak called the Study Session to order at 5:31pm

PRESENT: Council Members A.Forsman, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, and Mayor Novak

ABSENT: Council Members Kess and D.Forsman

ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS: None

REQUEST TO APPEAR: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mission/Vision Statement for the City of Ely

Discussion was had on Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Values Statement.

Mission Statement:

A.Forsman:

The City of Ely provides the municipal infrastructure, services and programs essential to the desirable community in which we live, work, and play.

Mayor Novak:

Govern and manage the city to ensure that all necessary services are provided in a timely and proper fashion. Control expenditures to keep local property taxes as low as possible. Provide sources of information to the citizens and business of Ely in a manner that lets them know what is going on in their City. It important to also develop a plan for a strong Economic Development initiative to implements the vision.

Debeltz:

The mission for the City of Ely is to provide a safe, clean and strong community to enhance our schools, businesses, and our neighborhoods.

Callen:

Discussed economic development and to provide services with the lowest cost to the taxpayers.

Discussion was to work off of A.Forsman's Mission statement and add Controlling expenditures and strong economic development.

Vision Statement:

Mayor Novak:

The City of Ely will grow to a population slightly above 5000 by the year 2033. Additional industrial, service and high-tech businesses will provide employment with good paying family-sustaining wages that will support a family of 4 and provide a level of disposable income that will permit the purchase of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and bicycles for recreation and allow family to enjoy an internet ready home theater system while sitting on the couch and enjoying a cocktail of their choice. These jobs and residence will help keep our restaurants open year-round, increase student population in our school and college, increase patronage at our local hospital & clinic while providing the goods and services other throughout the country made desire.

A.Forsman:

The vision statement that he presented is from the Comprehensive Plan that was approved a couple of years ago by the council. There was a lot of thought and work that went into this vision statement during the Comprehensive Plan Update.

The City of Ely provides unique opportunity for recreation, culture, and work not often seen in a city of its size. Ely continues to offer and excellent quality of life to residents of the region. We strive to maintain our outstanding educational opportunities, a full range of medical services, exceptional outdoor experiences, and an unequaled sense of community spirit. Ely provides a safe and friendly atmosphere, in affordable neighborhoods that complement their natural surroundings. Ely supports business, industry, institutions, and entrepreneurship – providing long-term, quality employment and economic vitality.

Debeltz:

Our vision is to keep Ely growing to provide the best service possible to our residents.

Omerza:

Discussed something to keep in our vision statement is to having a robust downtown, staying on top of the broadband technology. Three things that make Ely are keeping our Independent School District, Vermillion Community College and the Hospital. We also need to keep in mind our business district, trails and parks that we have in Ely.

Callen:

Discussed how to get people here and how to get people to stay here. Keeping things local.

Values Statement:

Mayor Novak:

Debate the issue

Do not inject personalities.

Offer Solutions. Just don't offer reasons why we can't.

Do it right the first time because doing something just good enough isn't good enough anymore.

Don't do something just because that's the way it's always been.

Do not restart City business after an election and lose the momentum that is positively advancing the city to a better overall condition.

A.Forsman:

The City of Ely is committed to be a community that welcomes and values diversity. We will work to be a 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.

A.Forsman stated that he likes the idea of maintaining direction of the city.

Debeltz:

Our values as a city are to respect all who live and visit our city, and those who intend to be members of our community in the future.

John Esse stated that the vision statement is about the future and should be brief; the mission statement will change throughout the years. Esse felt that renewable energy should be talked about in the mission and vision statements.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:06pm without objection

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk