

## **Council Minutes - July 3, 2018**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, D.Forsman and Mayor Novak  
ABSENT: Council member Debeltz
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
**D.Forsman/Kess moved to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and (Omit) the June 26, 2018 Study Session minutes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA
  - A. Addition 5.A. Department of Revenue Letter
  - B. Addition 5.B. Proclamation - American Legion Day
  - C. Addition 12.A. City of Ely Social Media Presence**Items A-C added without objection.**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
  - A. Department of Revenue Letter
  - B. Proclamation – American Legion Day, August 24, 2018Mayor Novak commended the Fire Department on the Fuel Oil Truck Fire by Lucky Seven. Chief Lahtonen warned people to stay away when lights and sirens are going off. A.Forsman stated that people need to yield to fire fighters with their flashers on.  
  
Mayor Novak discussed the power outages in the area lately; it is hard to control the weather. Today the power outage was in the MN Power area. Mayor Novak commended the City Crew for working hard to make sure everyone has power and that everyone is safe.  
  
Mayor Novak discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities that area going on around town tomorrow.
6. CONSENT AGENDA: None
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Standing/Special  
Planning and Zoning Commission
    - i. **Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning that upon application by the City of Ely for ‘Option for Re-Zoning of Community Center’ that P&Z will hold a Public Hearing and make re-zoning determination thereby potentially pre-approving City to agree to re-zoning contingency in any purchase offer received for Community Center. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz absent.**

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

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

Chief Lahtonen thanked the Ely Jaycees for a great job at running the beer garden at the Crapola Fest the Police Department had no issues with the event.

E. City Attorney

i. Ely Properties v. City of Ely (Closed Meeting)

**Omerza/D.Forsman moved to close the meeting after open forum to discuss the ongoing mediation and negotiations with Ely Properties v. City of Ely per Statute 13d. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz absent.**

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Correspondence from Minnesota Citizens for the Arts

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

**A. D.Forsman/Callend moved to approve the City and EUC claims for July 3, 2018 for \$314,492.61. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz absent.**

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. City of Ely Social Media Presence\

Omerza stated that the city has had a lot of things happening around town and we need a better way to get information out to the public. Some of the things that would be nice to get on a Facebook and Twitter page are the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities, power outages, the fly over and other basic informational news.

**Omerza/Kess moved to have a City of Ely Facebook and Social Media presence. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz absent.**

13. NEW BUSINESS:

**A. D.Forsman/A.Forsman moved to approve the award of the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation project for the Ely Airport of the construction contract to KGM Contractors, Inc of Angora, Minnesota, the lowest responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,987,931.05 contingent on receipt of a Federal grant and State Contribution. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

**B. D.Forsman/Callen moved to approve Mauro and Dafne Caruso Residential Rehab Loan for the Demolition of 137 W Sheridan St for \$10,000 pending receipt of proper paperwork and fees and direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant with the loan processing. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

**C. Callen/Omerza moved to approve the Unites States Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection Right of Entry for the Customs reporting station/booth at Shagawa Lake Seaplane base. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

**D. Omerza/D.Forsman moved to approve Ely's Historic State Theater, Bollard Installation Request to Protect Marquee**

A.Forsman was concerned that the city already has issues with the curb that sticks out to far. This item needs to be reviewed deeper, maybe Planning and Zoning or the City Engineer needs to look at this.

Callen was concerned with snow removal. Callen stated that the business owner will have to go through MnDot for the proper plan and permits.

Kess shared A.Forsman's concerns.

Mayor Novak suggested to have MnDot work with the requester.

D.Forsman stated that this is a private business, we should not spend taxpayer money to engineer their project.

Kess stated that parking in this area is already problematic.

Chief Lahtonen is concerned with public safety with the parking spots.

Omerza suggested that the city should have 2-3 ideas to bring to MnDot.

A.Forsman stated that the Heritage Preservation Commission also has a roll in this to protect the preservation of the theater.

Callen suggested asking MnDot about their options and then the city can choose. MnDot has worked with other cities on these types of bollards.

Kess suggested a meeting with the Clerk/Engineer, MnDot, and the requestor to discuss options.

**Motion Fails 0-6-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

**Kess/Omerza moved to reconsider the Ely Historic State Theater, Bollard Installation Request to Protect the Marquee at the next Council Meeting after the meeting with the Clerk, MnDot, and requestor discusses options. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

**E. Omerza/D.Forsman moved to approve the proposal from TKDA for Architectural Services for the Ely Cemetery Kiosk for \$2500. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

**F. D.Forsman/Callen moved to approve the Partial Payment Estimate #5 for Chandler Area Improvements/Pioneer Road Improvement for \$80,269.11 to Quam Construction Company, Inc. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Debeltz Absent.**

14. OPEN FORUM

Donald Kess – 123 E Camp St.

Discussed concerns and problem he has had with the Ely Ambulance Service.

Mayor Novak stated he will look into the issues since he is on the Ely Ambulance Board.

Mayor Novak recessed the council meeting at 6:28pm

Mayor Novak closed the meeting at 6:37pm to discuss the ongoing mediation and negotiations with Ely Properties v. City of Ely.

Mayor Novak opened the meeting at 6:50pm.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:51pm.

Casey Velcheff  
Deputy Clerk