

Council Minutes - October 16, 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: None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2018 Regular Council Meeting and October 9, 2018 Special Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA
 - A. Addition 7.A Angela Campbell – Ely Community Center Sale
 - B. Addition 8.A Planning and Zoning Minutes
 - C. Addition 8.A Housing & Redevelopment Authority
 - D. Addition 8.A Event Coordinator Bureau
 - E. Addition 9.D.i Service Contract for Police Computer Security Maintenance
 - F. Addition 12. C Direct Attorney Klun to develop Proposed Annexation Agreement
 - G. Addition 13.B Commercial Renovation Loan for Stony Ridge on Shagawa Lake at 60 W Lakeview Pl. to upgrade the café heating for \$7000.00, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with loan processing.
 - H. Addition 13.C Holiday Gas Spill Reimbursable - \$46,488.54**Items A-H added without objection.**
5. MAYOR’S REPORT
 - A. Ely Area Ambulance Service – Ely Representative Board Member Replacement
In 2008 the Ely Area Ambulance Board was started as a nonprofit. The maximum service of board members for a nonprofit is 10 years. Novak stated that all but one board member has been there the ten years. Novak asked any interested people to contact the clerk’s office or Novak for more information, the Ambulance board appoints new board members.
6. CONSENT AGENDA
Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to waive the readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously.
7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR
 - A. Angela Campbell – Ely Community Center Sale
Campbell discussed the timeline and the process that was followed for the sale of the Community Center. Campbell stated that she is still willing today to stand in and make the Community Center a Community Center, and she will be willing to in the future. Campbell also stated that she appreciates the council members and what they have to do. She complimented the Heritage Preservation Commission with the reuse study on the community center and all the work that they did for the Community Center. Campbell thanked numerous people that helped her.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standing/Special

Planning and Zoning Commission

Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the re-zoning of Community Center to RT Zoning District with request that Council make prospective buyer aware of the concern neighbors expressed about need for parking and maintaining the historic nature and architectural character of the building.

Mayor Novak stated that the building would have to be rezoned for anyone that purchased the building since currently the building is zoned at Public, RT is the best fit for the area that the building is located.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Matter of Information – A Conditional Use Permit was approved by the Board of Adjustment allowing creation of a second apartment unit in a Commercial (C-1) District at 117 N Central Avenue Ely, MN (Central Avenue street level). Approved without added conditions.

Projects Committee

D.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the projects committee to apply for funding for East Pattison from Central to 3rd Ave E. and West Camp from Central to 3rd Ave W. and include 2nd and 3rd Ave between Camp and Sheridan. Motion Carried Unanimously.

D.Forsman/Callen moved to approve the recommendation from the projects committee to authorize NTS to complete phase 2 environmental work at the recycle center.

A.Forsman asked what the area of the recycle center was used for before the City took the property over.

Langowski stated that the country used it for storage of equipment and materials and was used for that purpose for approximately 60 years.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Tree Board

Langowski stated that the City with direction from the Tree Board will be taking down a couple hazardous trees, one in Whiteside Park and two maples on 6th Avenues between Sheridan and Camp. The tree stumps will be worked on this winter.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority – Minutes included in the packet

Events Coordinator Bureau – Minutes included in the packet

Other Committee Reports

Omerza thanked Langowski for speaking at the League of Minnesota Cities regional meeting in Mt. Iron about working with Blandin and Broadband.

A.Forsman stated that Steve Giorgi from RAMs also spoke on other Broadband projects around the area. They also had a presentation by the League of Minnesota Cities legal counsel to discuss dysfunctional councils and what the cost of a dysfunctional council to the citizens. The speakers went through respecting different opinions and working together through difficult issues together.

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.

Heinrich also thanked the Ely Police Department, the school, and all the volunteers that helped with the events while the moon rocks were in Ely.

D. Police Chief

i. A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the Service Contract for Police Computer Security Maintenance. Motion Carried Unanimously.

E. City Attorney

i. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Note and Mortgage for E Sheridan Properties, LLC to repair the roof and insulation at Insula Restaurant at 145 E Sheridan for \$17,500. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ii. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the mortgage satisfaction for Bryan and Alexandra Cole Document No. 01309494. Motion Carried Unanimously.

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information

A. Hugh and Eila Korpi Trust final account

B. Correspondence from Tina Smith United States Senator

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:

A. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the City and EUC claims for October 16, 2018 for \$975,965.62. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Omerza/A.Forsman moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 326 2nd Series: An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.1.22, Entitled Zoning Map Amendment. Roll Called: A.Forsman-Yes, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, D.Forsman-Yes, Mayor Novak- Yes Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Omerza/Callen moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 327 2nd Series: An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending Chapter 20, Section 20.2 Sales of Land City Code of the City of Ely.

Debeltz thanked Campbell for her presentation. Debeltz stated that he will be voting yes to this ordinance since he does not want to see the building demoed in a couple of years and doesn't want to use anymore of the taxpayers money on this building.

Roll Called: A.Forsman-Yes, Kess- No, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, D.Forsman-Yes, Mayor Novak- Yes Motion Carried 6-1.

Campbell stated that she is still waiting and her investors are still waiting.

C. Direct Attorney Klun to develop Proposed Annexation Agreement

Langowski commented that Commissioner Rukavina would like to move on this quickly.

Omerza/A.Forsman moved for A.Forsman, Mayor Novak, Debeltz, Clerk Langowski, and Attorney Klun to meet to discuss the annexation agreement. Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the Walker, Giroux & Hahne Understanding of Services that they will provide to the City of Ely for the year ending December 31, 2018. Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Debeltz/D.Forsman moved to approve the Commercial Renovation Loan for Stony Ridge on Shagawa Lake at 60 W Lakeview Pl. to upgrade the café heating for \$7000.00, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with loan processing. Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Holiday Gas Spill Reimbursable - \$46,488.54

Omerza/A.Forsman moved to forward the invoice for the Holiday gas spill to Holiday Stationstores for reimbursement for expenses that the city paid for, the funds will be designated to each department when they are received. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14. OPEN FORUM

Al Forsman spoke at the podium about the Jake Forsman Car Show and Burnout Competition this Saturday, October 20th. The car show and silent auction starts at 10am with the burnout competitions at 11am and 2pm. The awards and the end of the silent auction will be at 3:15pm with everything wrapping up at 4pm. The show will go on Rain, Snow or shine.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk